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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY, CAPETOWN,

TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, 1889.

The Committee of the South African Public Library has the honour to submit to the Subscribers, at their General Annual Meeting, a report of its proceedings during the past year.

In accordance with the arrangements made with the Government, the post of Chief Librarian has been filled by the appointment of Mr. FRANCIS SAMUEL LEWIS, M.A., for five years one of the Assistants in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. For this selection the Committee is indebted to the courtesy of SIR HENRY BARKLY, K.C.B., and Mr. J. G. GAMBLE, M.A., lately a member of the Library Committee.

Considerable progress has been made in procuring valuable works of reference to fill the gaps in the various departments. The Hon. Sir GORDON SPRIGG has interested himself in this important object, and the sum of £1,000, voted for the purchase of standard works of reference, is being utilized to fill up deficiencies. Some difficulty is, however, experienced in providing accommodation for this valuable accession.

The attention of the Chief Librarian, who entered on his duties at the beginning of the year, has been chiefly devoted to the preparation of lists of standard works which it is desirable to acquire as early as possible.

There has been a slight increase in the circulation of Books and Periodicals, whilst the number of Readers and Visitors remains about the same as last year.

The Committee regrets to have to report that the number of Subscribers has fallen below that of last year.

The suggestions made at the last Annual Meeting have been kept in view, and carried out as far as was practicable.

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as by gift are as follows :—

Theology ...	...	...	22 Volumes
Political Economy and Government	...	...	29 "
Science and the Arts...	...	...	56 "
Voyages and Travels...	...	...	32 "
History ...	...	...	90 "
Biography ...	...	...	69 "
Poetry and Drama ...	...	...	28 "
Novels ...	...	...	90 "
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	72 "

Amongst these will be found several valuable works presented by the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the New Zealand Institute, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the Smithsonian Institution (America), Professor MACOWAN, W. HIDDINGH, Esq., F. W. BOURDILLON, Esq., the Rev. Dr. KOTZE, and Sir E. CHADWICK, K.C.B., to all of whom the thanks of the Subscribers and the Public are due.

From a record kept the number of Readers and Visitors to the Institution during the past year amounts to 23,435, showing a daily average of 89, the highest number in one day being 129, and the lowest 22.

The number of Volumes in the different departments of Science and Literature which were put into circulation during the year is as follows :—

Theology ...	...	...	78 Volumes
Political Economy and Government	...	...	113 "
Science and the Arts...	...	...	329 "
Voyages and Travels	...	...	1,375 "
History ...	...	...	1,005 "
Biography ...	...	...	977 "
Poetry and the Drama	...	...	397 "
Novels ...	...	...	8,210 "
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	383 "
Periodicals and Reviews	...	...	6,422 "

The Committee has had under consideration the revision of the rules of the Institution, with the view of recommending the adoption of a uniform rate of Subscription, viz., £1 per annum; but it has been thought desirable to delay any final decision on this matter until the Chief Librarian has made himself thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of the Library, when the Committee will have the advantage of his co-operation and advice in framing new regulations to be submitted to the Subscribers.





Dr. **The South African Public Library in a/c Current with the Treasurer.** Cr.

1889.  
April. For Sundry Disbursements during the year, commencing  
29th April, 1888, and ending 6th April, 1889.

To CHARGES—			
Salaries and allowances	.. ..	£490 8 4	
Printing, Advertisements, Coals, Petties	.. ..	35 12 0	
Librarian's Passage from England to Cape Town	.. ..	50 2 6	
Insurance on Building	.. ..	5 5 0	
		<hr/>	£581 7 10
To DEPOSITS—			
Amount Returned	.. ..	14 0 0	
To FURNITURE AND FIXTURES—			
R. Watts, Shelving, &c.	.. ..	18 16 0	
To STOCK OF BOOKS—			
Binding and Repairs	.. ..	25 14 3	
Books purchased here	.. ..	51 1 5	
Insurance on books	.. ..	14 17 6	
Stamps on Bills	.. ..	0 12 0	
Landing Expenses on Books	.. ..	4 18 7	
		<hr/>	97 3 9
To BOOKSELLER'S ACCOUNT—			
Amount remitted on General Account	300 0 0		
Amount remitted on Special Account	900 0 0		
		<hr/>	1,200 0 0
To BALANCE—			
To Next General Account	.. ..	257 13 10	
Special Account	.. ..	100 0 0	
		<hr/>	357 13 10
		<hr/>	<hr/>
			£2,269 1 5

1889.  
April. For Sundry Receipts during the year, commencing 29th  
April, 1888, and ending 6th April, 1889.

By Balance of last year .. .. .	£270	11	5
„ SUBSCRIPTIONS—			
Amount received .. .. .	26	5	0
By DEPOSITS—			
Amount received .. .. .	30	0	0
By INTEREST—			
Dividend on Exchange Shares ..	35	0	0
Dessinian Trustees, 1 year's interest	4	10	0
Discount on Bill .. .. .	2	15	0
		42	5 0
By PARLIAMENTARY GRANT—			
One year's grant to June 30, 1889 ..	600	0	0
By PARLIAMENTARY SPECIAL GRANT—			
For purchase of Standard Works, for Reference Library only ..	1000	0	0

E. and O.E.  
Capetown, 6th April, 1889.

(Signed) W. HIDDINGH, Hon. Treasurer.

I, the undersigned Auditor, having examined this Account, together with the several Vouchers and Minutes of Committee, declare the same to be correct, and that the balance, as shown by the Cash Book, is Three Hundred and Fifty Seven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling, which amount is deposited in the Cape of Good Hope Bank as per Bank Book.

(Signed) JNO. C. GIE, Auditor.





REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

# SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY,

— CAPE TOWN, —

*To be Submitted at the ANNUAL MEETING on FRIDAY, APRIL 25th, 1890.*

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The Committee of the SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY has the honour to submit to the Subscribers at their General Annual Meeting, a report of its proceedings during the past year.

The question of the extension of the Library occupies a prominent place in the work of the year. For this purpose the Premier (Sir GORDON SPRIGG) placed upon the estimates the sum of £2,000, on condition that the Committee raised by public subscription a like amount. The Committee laid before a Special Meeting of the Subscribers, held October 4th, 1889, a detailed statement of its action in this matter, which was cordially ratified. It will be remembered that the Committee agreed to raise the required sum, and to hand over to the Government both of these amounts, viz: £2,000 subscriptions, and £2,000 Parliamentary Grant, in order that a separate structure should be erected for the Museum, on the completion of which the whole of the building now occupied by the Library and Museum will be given up for Library purposes. The Committee is happy to state that the labour of collecting this comparatively large sum has been very successful, about £1,900 having been up to the present time actually received. The thanks of the Subscribers and the public are due to the gentlemen who undertook the task of canvassing, and especially to the Hon. Mr. Justice SMITH and the Ven. Archdeacon LIGHTFOOT.

Considerable additions have been made to the Library of Reference through the liberal provision made by the Government for that purpose.

The working of the system of Book Clubs has been under the consideration of the Committee. The regulations permit the recognition of such a Club, when not less than ten young men of limited means agree to pay 10/- per annum, of which number one shall be appointed Secretary to conduct their business with the Librarian. At the present time there are six recognised Book Clubs, numbering 10, 10, 10, 27, 30, 27, respectively. Practically each member of a Book Club, paying 10/- a year, enjoys the same privileges as a Third-class Subscriber who pays 20/- per annum, and who also deposits 10/- as a security against loss. It is certain that owing to the absence of any deposit fund, the institution has sustained loss through these Book Clubs, from the miscarriage

of the volumes lent. If Book Clubs are to be continued, a deposit of at least 5/- from each member should be enforced; but some of the Committee think that the conditions of a 3rd class subscription and the 10/- deposit are fairly within the means of all wish to take out books for home reading.

In addition to the routine duties of his office, and the extra work connected with the Library Extension, the Librarian has been engaged in preparing a list of books added to the Library since the printing of the existing catalogue in 1881. The greater part of this list is in the printer's hands, and will, when completed, be incorporated with the old catalogue, which, in its turn, will be thoroughly revised with a view to a new edition.

The Committee is happy to report that the number of Subscribers is increasing. From the lists appended, it will be seen that 319 have subscribed for a whole or part of the year, while 166 have been members of Book Clubs, making a total of nearly 500 who have had the privilege of taking books for home reading.

The amount received from subscriptions for the year ending March 31st, 1889, was £343; that for the year ending March 31st, 1890, is £398 10s.

The circulation of books and periodicals has largely increased. The number of works and volumes lent out during the year is as follows:—

	Works.	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	91	92
Political Economy and Government ...	118	122
Science and the Arts ... ..	339	346
Voyages and Travels ... ..	1,481	1,494
History ... ..	1,154	1,195
Biography... ..	1,012	1,033
Poetry and Drama ... ..	408	429
Novels ... ..	7225	8437
Miscellaneous ... ..	237	249
Periodicals and Reviews (unbound) ...	—	6914
„ „ (bound) ...	—	25

As far as can be ascertained the number of Readers and Visitors to the Institution during the past year amounts to 25,382, shewing a daily average of 88, the highest number in one day being 162, and the lowest, 43.

The accessions of books by purchase as well as by gift are:—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	72
Political Economy and Government ...	140
Science and the Arts ... ..	384
Voyages and Travels ... ..	97
History ... ..	412
Biography ... ..	134
Poetry and the Drama ... ..	54
Novels ... ..	451
Miscellaneous ... ..	884



For valuable donations of works, the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the British Museum, the University of Oxford, the Royal Society, the Geographical Society, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the New Zealand Institute, and the Smithsonian Institution (America), the Royal Dublin Society, the Corporation of the City of London, Merchant Taylors' Company, London, Department of the Interior, Canada, Geological and Natural History Survey, Canada, H. Bolus, Esq., C. Cochrane, Esq., Sir Langham Dale, E. Drage, Esq., Rev. G. H. Fisk, W. Hiddingh, Esq., Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, M.L.A., Lieut.-Col. Knollys, Miss Lloyd, Professor MacOwan, Advocate McLachlan, Rev. N. Messer, Dr. W. H. Ross, G. Ryall, Esq., J. Samuels, Esq., A. R. Sawyer, Esq., Hon. Mr. Justice Smith, G. M. Theal, Esq., Professor D. P. Todd, A. Tolmer, Esq., A. J. Wadeson, Esq., and G. H. Walton, Esq. C. A. Fairbridge, Esq., has made a further contribution to his already valuable gift of Cape pamphlets. The Grey Collection is indebted for additions to Rev. H. Bruncker, Miss Lloyd, Rev. F. W. Kolbe, Dr. Krapp, Rev. J. G. Kroenlein, and the American Philological Association.

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#### MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

1889—1890.

Cameron, Rev. Dr. (temporarily absent  
from the Colony, and therefore  
ineligible for re-election.)

Dale, Sir Langham

Ebden, Hon. Alfred, M.L.C.

Foot, Rev. Professor

Hiddingh, William, Esq., *Treasurer*.

Hofmeyr, Hon. J. H., M.L.A.

Lightfoot, Ven. Archdeacon

MacOwan, Professor

Smith, Hon. Mr. Justice





## SUBSCRIBERS.

This list includes the Names of all who have Subscribed between 31st March, 1889, and 31st March, 1890.

## FIRST CLASS.

Anderson, W. G.	Gill, Dr.	Lippert, W. A.	Sivewright, Mrs. (4)
Beard, H.	Guthrie, Professor	Maskew, F.	Tait, M. M.
Comper, J. R. (4)	Hofmeyr, Hon. J. H., M.L.A.	Palmer, Mrs. (4)	Thorne, W.
Cochrane, Charles (4)	Hart, B. H.	Ross, R. M.	Wells, J. W.
Dixon, Dr.	Jones, T. E.	Robinson, Miss L.	Waterston, Dr. Jane
Ebden, Hon. Alfred	Loch, Lady	Smyth, General (4)	Wyllie, A. K.
	Lewis, Professor		

## SECOND CLASS.

Anderson, T. J.	Fairbairn, J.	Maxwell, R.	Redelinghuys, Miss
Arderne, H. R.	Gill, Professor	Moodie, Hon. G. P.	Ryan, Pearce
Chiappini, Dr. (4)	Holberry, J.	Methuen, Colonel	Solomon, R. S.
Craig, J. (4)	Hare, Major	Middlemass, Captain (4)	Solomon, Mrs. H. (4)
De Smidt, A.		Markham, H. W.	Smith, Hon. C. A.
Duff, J.		Noble, J.	St. Leger, F. Y.
De Wet, Hon. Sir J. A.	Impey, Dr. (4)	O'Sullivan, Colonel	Turner, General (4)
Egerton, Lady Grey (4)	Jackson, Mrs. (4)	Philips, Colonel	Wessels, Mrs. J. C.
Edye Miss (4)		Ross, Dr. W. H.	Webb, W. F. (4)
			Wilson, A.

## THIRD CLASS.

Attwell, J. W.	Canisius, W. H. (4)	Hogg, C. J.	Mudie, D.
Adamson, P.	Drury, Miss (4)	Hofmeyr, J. H.	MacOwan, Professor
Aitchison, G. W.	Dowling, T. B.	Hiddingh, W., LL.D.	Morton, T. (4)
Andrew, D. C.	De Wet, Miss J. C.	Hoyle, J. J. (4)	Morgenrood, L. B.
Algar, O. (4)	De Wet, Miss M. J.	Hullon, Mrs. C. R.	Manikus, Dr.
Baird, Dr.	De Villiers, Sir J. H.	Heath, Captain	Macmillan, Rev. J. (4)
Buchanan, Hon. Justice	De Villiers, C. C.	Herman, Dr.	Marloth, Dr.
Bisset, J. J., jun.	Dale, Sir Langham	Herman, Miss (4)	McCarthy, Rev. Dr.
Bolus, H.	Dwyer, Mrs.	Hiddingh, W., jun. (4)	Myburgh, Miss
Benjamin, M. (4)	Doble, Miss (4)	Haley, W. J.	Marshall, W.
Bevern, Miss		Hett, Miss	Maxwell, Mrs.
Bryson, A.	English, A. H.	Horn, Miss	McNaughton, H. H.
Ball, T.	Every, Miss (4)	Hanham, Rev. H. H.	Millard, W.
Beususan, Miss	Ellis, J. Alfred	Innes, Advocate, M.L.A.	Marquard, L.
Barry, F.	Eaton, C. R.	Innes, J. Rose, C.M.G.	Maconachie, G.
Bam, J. A.	Edmonds, Lieutenant	Jackson, S.	Maskew, N. T.
Butler, S.	Eldridge, W. Y.	Jagger, J. W.	McClintock, Colonel (4)
Bushell, S.	Earp, E. J.	Johnstone, C.	Mathie, J. R.
Blyth, Captain (4)	Edgworth, C. R.	Jolines, J.	Northcote, Captain
Burrowes, F.	Elliot, C. B.	Jones, Mrs. J. D.	Oakshott, A. (4)
Biden, A.	Findlay, G. J.	Kitch, W.	Orpen, H. M. H.
Bates, J. F.	Frost, W. (4)	Kenealy, C.	Overbeek, Mrs. J. D. (4)
Bovell, W. L.	Faure, Rev. D. P.	Kolbe, Rev. Dr.	Overbeek, J. C.
Brown, J. L. M.	Fairbridge, C. A.	Kilpin, E. F.	Peters, Rev. Canon
Bonnes, F.	Fischer, R. L.	Krynauw, J.	Powell, E.
Berg, Miss	Franklin, Miss (4)	Knight, C. F. (4)	Powell, Mrs. E.
Borchert, F.	Fuller, T. E., M.L.A.	Kayser, J. B.	Pritchard, C.
Bower, Captain	Forde, J.	Lawton, Miss	Phillip, W.
Bengough, Miss	Farrell, Mrs. (4)	Leng, L. B. (4)	Peringuey, L.
Bengough, Miss A. G.	Finlay, W. H.	Lonsdale, J.	Piers, H. M.
Baxter, E. C.	Foot, Rev. H. M.	Liebrandt, Rev. H. C. V.	Piers, Miss
Carstens, J. C.	Foster, Joseph	Lightfoot, Ven. Archdeacon	Piers, Dr.
Clinch, Rev. B. W.	Foster, Mrs. J.	Lindenberg, Miss	Patterson, J. R. (4)
Cauvin, L. J.	Fehrseen, Dr.	Laurie, R. J. (4)	Pinker, Rev. G.
Collier, James	Gallie, C. H.	Lowenstein, Mrs. (4)	Phillips, R. H.
Coaton, Mrs. A. (4)	Graham, J.	Landsberg, Dr.	Quin, George
Cunningham, H.	Graham, Advocate	Langford, J. H.	Robertson, D.
Cartwright, J. D.	Gregory, W. T.	Liesching, Miss	Rabinowitz, M.
Cartwright, E.	Gudgeon, Alfred	Lawrence, F. J.	Ritter, C.
Cameron, Rev. Dr.	Gill, Rev. C. H. (4)	Leeb, Miss (4)	Reitz, J. D. K.
Charlin, Madame (4)	Gie, J. C.	Mackenzie, H. (4)	Reid, J.
Coley, J. D.	Gibbs, R. R. (4)	Michell, J. H. (4)	Reid, A. (4)
Crawshaw, J. (4)	Grant, Mrs.	Miss, C.	Rose, J. E. B.
Cook, Mrs.	Greenshields, H.	Murray, Charles	Ross, J. R.
Cowan, Mrs. (4)	Garlick, J.	Molteno, J. T.	Reynolds, G.
Clementson, Rev. W. L.	Grier, W. M.	McLachlan, Advocate (4)	Ridgill, Rev. Dr.
Crosby, J. M.	Hillrennie, Mrs. (4)		
Currey, J. B. (4)			
Cooper, A. J.			

## THIRD CLASS—Continued.

Ritchie, Professor	Schreiner, Miss (‡)	Tanner, H. C.	Van der Byl, A.
Rutherford, F.	Schreiner, Advocate	Tennant, Sir D.	Vincent, L. A.
S. Cyprian's School	Sauer, Mrs.	Tennant, Miss	Vyvyan, Rev. R. R.
Stenhouse, K.	Sauer, Hon. J.	Trollip, G.	
Sinclair, A.	Stewart, T.	Todd, Mrs. (‡)	Wicht, J. H.
Stuart, George	Silke, Dr.	Tooke, W. H.	Williams, B. (‡)
Searle, Advocate	Sprigg, Hon. Sir Gordon	Trimen, R.	Williams, A. J.
Senior, Colonel	Stephen, M.	Taylor, W. (‡)	Wilman, H.
Stockdale, R. H.	Smith, Hon. Justice	Tudhope, Hon. J.	Wilson, R.
Silberbauer, J. C.	Steytler, Rev. A. I.	Thomson, Professor (‡)	Warren, Mrs. J. T. (‡)
Silberbauer, C. F.	Spilhaus, W.	Tredgold, H. R.	Wiener, L.
Silberbauer, C. C.	Saunders, J.	Thwaites, W. (‡)	Wilmot, P. G.
Smith, Miss	Syfret, A. G.	Tompkins, Mrs. S.	Wren, G. (‡)
Smith, J.	Syfret, E. R.		Walker, Professor
Scholtz, Dr.	Stokes, W. Y. (‡)	Upington, Sir Thomas	Watson, W. S.
Scholtz, Mrs. H. (‡)	Stigant, P. J.		Webb, W. F. (‡)
Scott, James (‡)	Smith, Rev. D.	Van der Tuuk, Professor	Waters, Thomas (‡)
Stubbings, W.	Solomon, C. E.	Van Reenen, A. J.	Watermeyr, W. P.
Stephens, Miss J.		Van Oordt, Dr.	
Schultz, J.	Taylor, Mrs. C. J.	Van Ryn, J.	Young, A. (‡)

## MEMBERS OF BOOK CLUBS.

This List includes the names of all who have belonged to a Book Club at any time between March 31st, 1889, and March 31st, 1890.

## RAILWAY DEPARTMENT BOOK CLUB.

Anderson, K.	De Kock, K. N.	Larkin, J.	Robb, W.
Ashmead, W. L.	Dales, H. T.	Lewis, B.	Reid, W.
Ashley, W. H.		Locke, John	
	Finlay, A. L.	Lawrance, J.	
Ball, W. C.			Simkins, W. V.
Bergh, O. M.	Greenan, J. P.	Martin, H. G.	Schermbucker, F. A.
Burlton, J. M.	Giles, F.	Munnik, J. B.	Stimson, G. F.
Bartlett, A. G.	Gates, L.	Morkel, L. C.	
Brink, C.	Guthrie, F. H.	Morris, G.	Tompkins, C. P.
Bennett, T.		Mayo, G.	
Beaufort, P. M.	Harper, A. H.		Woolley, W. T.
Bromfield, F. W.	Howell, A. W.	Norden, J. B.	Weeks, A. J.
	Harkness, J.		Williams, Walter
Cavill, H. W.		Olive, W.	Williams, J. L.
Chalmers, A. E.	Ireland, T.		
Coope, J. C. J.	Jones, F.	Potter, P. E.	
Chatburn, T.		Perkins, A.	

## Y.M.C.A. BOOK CLUB.

*Attwell, J.	*Earp, E. J.	Kearns, D. F.	Ross, A. E.
Agate, H. E.			
Atkinson, J. W.	Foggitt, Rev. E.	Lehmann, W. F.	Smithers, J. B.
Armour, R.		Lawton, T. E.	Steytler, J.
	Gilchrist, G.	Lewis, B. A.	Stapleton, T. H.
Beyers, G. T.		*Matthew, J. A.	
Bultitude, J.	Hancock, W. J.		Thompson, Rev. J.
Baxter, A. F.	Hyndson, Rev. J.	Nuttall, Rev. L.	
	Hughes, J. H.		Villett, F.
*Cartwright, J. D.		Phillips, A. A.	Wicht, J. J.
	Jardine, W., Junr.	Pritchard, R. H.	Wilson, Sidney
De Beer, Rev. E. Z.	Jeffreys, A. H.	Parker, John	Wilson, W. J.
De Wet, H. J.	Jeffreys, G. E.	Pocock, W.	
De Villiers, J. W.		Patterson, J. B.	

## CIVIL SERVICE BOOK CLUB.

Bromley, R.	Easton, J.	Hoets, J. C.	Pearson, C. W.
Backhouse, J.	*English, A. H.	Honey, J. W.	
Begg, A. J.		Huntley, G.	Russell, W. A.
	Frame, A. K.		Robb, F.
Carroll, C. J.	Faure, L. J. de V.	Janisch, N.	Selby, G. C.
Close, R. W.		Joubert, F.	Smuts, A. T.
Combrink, W. H.	Greaves, F. S.		
Crossman, F.	Gie, J.	Kolbe, H. C.	Thompson, W. W.
		Kuys, H. R.	Tyson, W.
De Villiers, L. J.	Howard, A. G.		
Duming, C. W. T.	Herold, T.	Montagu, E. W. S.	
De Smidt, J. H. R.	Harker, A. S.	Mansergh, L.	

\*This gentleman is now a Full Subscriber.



## POST OFFICE BOOK CLUB.

Biden, A. F.	Henry, J.	Nixon, C. E.	Sisselsson, F. J.
Blenkhorn, J. V.			
Claridge, J. F.	Inch, J.	Potter, R.	Tiffany, W. H.
Edenborough, B.	Murray, E. G.	Risler, W.	Wilkins, H. H. J.
			Whyte, R. B.

## SOUTH AFRICAN COLLEGE BOOK CLUB.

Arnot J.	Haylett, P.	Pienaar, S. W.	Versfield, W.
Basson, N.	Kotze, R.	Roos, J. de V.	Viljoen, W. J.
Berning, F.	Klinck, J.	Sprigg, W. P.	Watermeyer, G. A.
Caldecott, W. A.	McEwan, H.	Thorpe, H. G.	Ziervogel, J.
	Meredith, W.		

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# R E P O R T

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

## SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY,

— CAPETOWN, —

*To be Submitted at the ANNUAL MEETING on FRIDAY, APRIL 17th, 1891.*

The Committee of the SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY has the honour to submit to the Subscribers at their General Annual Meeting, an account of its proceedings during the past year.

In the last report your Committee stated that the sum of £1,900 had been actually received towards the £2,000 required to secure the grant of a similar sum voted by Parliament for the extension of the Library. Both of these amounts, viz., £2,000 subscriptions and £2,000 Parliamentary Grant, were to be handed over to the Government in order that a separate structure should be erected for the Museum, on the completion of which the whole of the building now occupied by the Library and Museum was to be given up for the purposes of the Library.

Towards the end of March, 1890, your Committee received an intimation from the late Government that it was intended forthwith to commence the erection of the new Museum building, with a request that the £2,000 subscription money should be handed over to the Colonial Secretary. To this it was answered that the total amount had not been collected, but that the sum of £1,900 had been received and placed on fixed deposit. Your Committee was informed that this, with the interest accruing, would be accepted on account of the amount of £2,000 to be contributed by the Committee. The deposit notes were accordingly sent to the Colonial Secretary, who duly acknowledged their receipt.\*

After the resignation of the late Ministry, finding that no progress was being made in the erection of a new Museum, a deputation from the Committee waited upon the Government to ask what steps were being taken in the matter. The deputation was informed by the Premier (the Hon. Cecil Rhodes) and the Treasurer-General (the Hon. John X. Merriman) that as the money voted by Parliament had not been drawn before the end of the financial year the grant had lapsed; that the Government were in treaty for the purchase of the Castle, which, if acquired, would be converted into a Museum; that the whole of the present building would then be given up for the use of the Library; and that the money raised by subscription would then be returned for putting the additional portion in a fit state for a Library. Your Committee heard with some astonishment that the Parliamentary Grant had been allowed to lapse, as it was with the express object of securing it that the subscription money had been handed over to the Government. Your Committee believes that the negotiations for the purchase of the Castle have made no progress, and is consequently anxious as to the intentions of the Ministry regarding the development of the Library. Two years ago the Subscribers were informed of the need for additional space; they will therefore not be surprised to be told that the question is now becoming exceedingly urgent.

At the last General Annual Meeting the subject of privileges to book clubs was discussed, and at a Special Meeting held May 13th, 1890, these were withdrawn. Of the 166 then reported to be members of these clubs, 13 have since the withdrawal become annual subscribers, and 4 have subscribed for less than a year.

The Committee is happy to report that the number of Subscribers is still increasing. Last year 319 subscribed for a whole or part of a year; the number is now 396.

\* Your Committee has pleasure in stating that owing to the action of the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith, the subscriptions have since more than reached the required sum of £2,000.

The amount received from subscriptions for the year ending March 31st, 1889, was (with book clubs) £343; that for the year ending 31st March, 1890, was (with book clubs) £398 10s.; that for the year ending March 31st, 1891, is (without book clubs) £415. Your Committee notes, with pleasure, that this is the largest annual amount received from Subscribers for 30 years; and when it is taken into consideration that at that time the third-class (one pound) subscription was the exception, and not as now, the rule, some idea may be gained of the increase of those who avail themselves of the privileges of the Institution.

Your Committee is glad to acknowledge that the interest shown by the late Ministry in the Reference Library has been maintained by the present Government. A sum of £500 was placed on the Estimates by the Treasurer-General and voted by Parliament for further purchases.

The question of opening the Library during the evening has occupied the attention of the Committee, and on February 16th it was resolved to open the institution at night, provided the Government supplied the apparatus for the electric light and other things necessary before the Library can be in a condition for evening use; and also that the Town Council contribute £350 a year towards the necessary expenses. A deputation waited upon the Government, and received a favourable reply. A satisfactory answer was also made by the Town Council, and the Committee hopes that within a comparatively short time the necessary work will be finished.

An alphabetical catalogue will shortly be placed in the Library for the use of readers. A method has been adopted by which all possible use will be made of the existing list. To effect this it has been necessary to catalogue the works received since 1881, the last year in which any systematic attempt was made to keep the catalogue up to date.

The Library, in common with other institutions, will suffer loss from the stoppage of the Cape of Good Hope Bank. To meet the exigencies of the situation the sum of £200 was, after due notice, borrowed from the Capital Account. This has now been repaid, and your Committee hopes that the ultimate deficit will not be of sufficient amount to seriously affect the usefulness of the Library.

The shares in the Commercial Exchange held by the Library Committee have been acquired by the Government. The money received for them has been invested, and the Library will be benefited by having a fixed and increased income from the property, instead of, as formerly, a sum on which no dependence, either as regards time or amount, could be placed.

As far as can be ascertained the number of Readers and Visitors to the Institution during the past year amounts to 29,682, showing a daily average of 97, the highest number in one day being 164, and the lowest, 53. The total number last year was 25,382.

The number of works and volumes lent out during the year is 21,232 as against 20,336 last year, and consists of—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	81
Political Economy and Government ... ..	161
Science and the Arts ... ..	432
Voyages and Travels ... ..	1,511
History ... ..	1,009
Biography ... ..	1,147
Poetry and Drama ... ..	408
Novels ... ..	9,117
Miscellaneous ... ..	347
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	7,019

The accessions of books by purchase as well as by gift are :—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	69
Political Economy and Government ... ..	65
Science and the Arts ... ..	56
Voyages and Travels ... ..	149
History ... ..	113
Biography ... ..	92
Poetry and the Drama ... ..	87
Novels ... ..	482
Miscellaneous ... ..	135

For valuable donations, the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), The New Zealand Institute, the United States Government, the Smithsonian Institution (America), the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Corporation of the City of London, the Colonial Secretary of Colombo, the Ceylon Government, the Department of the Interior, Canada, the Geological and Natural History Survey, Canada, the Royal Society, Canada, the Clerk Maxwell Memorial Committee, and the Norwegian Government; also to the following gentlemen: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Loch), Dr. G. Heinrichs, Iowa, Sir Thomas Upington, A. de Smidt, Esq., Professor E. Arber, A. G. Howard, Esq., H. S. Caldecott, Esq., J. F. Davis, Esq., L. A. Vincent Erskine, Esq., Lieut. Pittman, 11th Hussars, Bishop Knight-Bruce, Dr. Haarhoff, G. Cummin, Esq., Rev. Professor Hofmeyr, H. G. E. Foster, Esq., of Canada, E. Wilson, Esq., C. Cochrane, Esq., Professor MacOwan, Mr. Advocate McLachlin, W. Hiddingh, Esq., Dr. W. H. Ross, H. Bolus, Esq., Rev. D. Smith, and the Editor of "*The Nation*," New York.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from Sir George Grey.



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This List contains the Names of present Subscribers. Fifty others have Subscribed for a portion of the Year. The Names of Members of the Library Committee are distinguished by an asterisk.

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Eden, Alfred	Jones, T. E.	Phillips, Colonel	Thorne, W.
Gill, Dr. D.	Lewis, Professor	Ross, R. M.	*Waterston, Dr. Jane
		Robinson, Miss L.	Wood, J. W.

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Baker, W. T.	Markham, H. W.	Noble, J.	Risler, W.
Baker, Mrs. Knight	Moodie, G. P.	O'Sullivan, Colonel (1)	Solomon, R. S.
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Bevern, Miss	Dowling, T. B.	Haley, W. J.	Lonsdale, J.
Biden, A.	Dyke, E. C. S.	Hallack, W.	
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Borchert, F.	Douglass, Mrs.	Herman, Dr.	MacLachlin, Advocate (1)
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Bower, Captain	Edmonds, Lieut.	Holberry, J.	Maconachie, Geo.
Brown, J. L. M.	Elliott, C. B.	Hofmeyr, J. H.	McKenzie, H. (1)
Browning, Rev. T.	Ellis, J. Alf.	Hoole, Mrs.	*MacOwan, Professor
Bryant, C.	English, A. H.	Hutcheons, D.	Marquard, L.
Buchanan, Judge	Ewbank, Mrs. (1)	Hutton, Mrs. C.	Marshall, W.
Burroughes, Rev.		Hornby, G. (1)	Maskew, N. T.
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Coaton, A. B. (1)	Frankenstein, Miss	Johnson, Miss (1)	Morris, G.
Coley, J. D.	Fuller, T. E.	Johnston, C. J.	Maskew, F.
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			Myburgh, Miss



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Peters, Rev. Canon  
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Phillips, R. H. (¼)  
Piers, Dr.  
Piers, H. M.  
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Pinker, Rev. G.  
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Pritchard, C.

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Reid, J.  
Reitz, J. D. K.  
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Silke, Dr.  
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Spencer, Miss L.

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Syfret, A. G.  
Syfret, E. R.  
Smith, G. B. (¼)  
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Steytler, J.  
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Turnbull, Rev. J.

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Utting, C. W.

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Van Oordt, Dr.  
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Vyvyan, Rev. R. R.

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Wathes, Mrs.  
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Wicht, J. H.  
Wiener, L.  
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# REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

## SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY,

— CAPETOWN, —

*To be Submitted at the ANNUAL MEETING on FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1892.*

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The Committee of the SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY has the honour to submit to the Subscribers at their General Annual Meeting, an account of its proceedings during the past year.

Your Committee has steadily kept in view the extension of the Library as agreed upon with the late Government; the Subscribers, having faithfully performed their part of the contract, naturally look to the Government to proceed with their part, viz., the construction of a new museum.

A deputation from the Library waited, in May 1891, upon the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. J. W. Sauer) and the Treasurer-General (the Hon. John X. Merriman); and, after a joint conference in February 1892 of the Trustees of the Museum and your Committee, a deputation from the two bodies represented their case to the Premier (the Hon. Cecil Rhodes) and the Colonial Secretary.

Your Committee regrets to be unable to report that the Government have decided to proceed with the erection of a new building. The need for it is urgent; for, until the Library possesses the whole of the present structure, no separation can take place between the Reference Library and the Circulating Department; a consummation greatly desired by South Africans, and for which, whether resident in the neighbourhood, in distant parts of the Colony, or even in Europe, they subscribed with exemplary liberality.

Unexpected delays have occurred to prevent the Library being opened in the evening, but your Committee is conscious of having spared no pains to remove all that seemed likely to retard that event. Apprehension appears to be felt in some quarters, that, when the wire doors are completed, the privileges of subscribers and readers will be curtailed. Your Committee feels sure that such will not be the case, and that none but the irresponsible idler will have cause to regret the greater security with which the volumes will be kept.

Your Committee regrets to be compelled to state that, although the Town Council has promised the sum of £350 when the Library shall actually have been opened during the evening to the public, that body, under its newly acquired powers, rated the present structure at £22,000, which was reduced (but only after protest) to £18,000, and has already made a demand for payment of the rates for the years 1891 and 1892, amounting to £600. Inasmuch as the Library and Museum may be regarded as institutions for the promotion of the education of the people, free of charge, it is a matter for regret that the rate has been imposed, especially as under the general Municipal Act the buildings would be altogether exempt from taxation.



An alphabetical author catalogue has been placed in the Library. During its compilation it became evident that there was a large number of omissions, but these will be supplied as opportunity offers. In the meantime the Librarian has commenced a slip catalogue on the lines adopted by the great European libraries, a labour which will occupy some considerable time.

Your Committee has been enabled to add many valuable books to the Reference Library owing to the kindness of the Government in placing upon the estimates the sum of £500 for this purpose, which was allowed by Parliament.

At the last General Annual Meeting it was resolved to admit those who were dependent upon their own exertions for support, and whose incomes did not exceed £150 a year, to the privileges of the Library at half the usual charge, viz., ten (10) shillings per annum and a deposit of five (5) shillings. Your Committee has to report that up to March 31st of this year only two enquiries had been made respecting the reduced subscription. Of those who made the enquiry, one became a subscriber in the usual way, and of the other nothing further has been heard.

Your Committee is pleased to report that under the will of the late Mr. Charles Hawkins, formerly of the Cape Civil Service, the Library has been benefited to the extent of £100.

The amount received from subscriptions for the year ending March 31st 1891 was £415; that for the year ending March 31st 1892 is £426 15s.

The number who subscribed for a whole or part of a twelvemonth was last year 396; the number is now increased to 484.

As far as can be ascertained the number of Readers and Visitors to the Institution during the past year amounts to 28,598, showing a daily average of 96, the highest number in one day being 152, and the lowest, 52. The total number last year was 29,682.

The number of works and volumes lent out during the year is 23,854 as against 21,232 last year, and consists of—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	92
Political Economy and Government ... ..	187
Science and the Arts ... ..	395
Voyages and Travels ... ..	1,622
History ... ..	1,127
Biography ... ..	1,008
Poetry and Drama ... ..	504
Novels ... ..	10,017
Miscellaneous ... ..	473
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	8,429

The accession of books by purchase as well as gift are :—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	82
Political Economy and Government ... ..	114
Science and the Arts ... ..	158
Voyages and Travels ... ..	124
History ... ..	215
Biography ... ..	134
Poetry and the Drama ... ..	68
Novels ... ..	297
Miscellaneous... ..	159

For valuable donations, the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the New Zealand Institute, the United States Government, the Smithsonian Institution (America), the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Department of the Interior, Canada, the Geological and Natural History Survey, Canada, the Royal Society, Canada, and the Norwegian Government; also to the following gentlemen:—Hon. J. X. Merriman, Professor Todd, G. M. Theal, Esq., Professor W. Thomson, E. P. Mathers, Esq., the Royal Irish Academy, Dr. Gill, Professor MacOwan, C. E. Solomon, Esq., Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, M.L.A., Committee of Council of Education, England, Miss Julia Lloyd, Howard Association, London, A. E. Ross, Esq., J. H. Hofmeyr, Esq., Kimberley Public Library, Miss C. C. Hopley, Rev. L. Nuttall, on behalf of Baptist Missionary Society, Rev. Dr. Hewitt (Port Elizabeth), Rev. D. P. Faure, and the Editor of "*The Nation*," New York.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the Department of the Interior, Canada.

## SUBSCRIBERS.

This List contains the Names of present Subscribers. Ninety-two others have Subscribed for a portion of the Year. The Names of Members of the Library Committee are distinguished by an asterisk.

### FIRST CLASS.

Adams, W. G.	Gill, Dr. D.	Merriman, Hon. J. X.	Sergeantson, Miss (½)
Anders, L. (½)	Guthrie, Prof.	O'Callaghan, Col. (½)	Solomon, R. S.
*Barclay, H.	*Hofmeyr, Hon. J. H., M.L.A.	Ross, R. M.	Thompson, W. W.
Becker, Alfred	Lewis, Prof.	Robinson, Miss L.	Thorne, W.
Beckwith, Capt. (½)	Loch, Lady	Schreiner, Miss (½)	*Waterston, Dr.

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Attwell, J. W.	Fairbairn, J.	McClintock, Col. (½)	Smith, Hon. C. A.
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Armstrong, H. R.	Highmoor, Rev. W. (½)	Phillipps, A. A. (½)	Spence, Miss (½)
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Buchanan, Judge	Divine, F. W.	Hutcheon, D.	Lawton, Miss (½)
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Bryson, A.	Elliott, C. B.	Hiddingh, J. M. F.	*MacOwan, Prof.
Bensusan, Miss (½)	Ellis, J. Alf	Hay, W.	Marquard, L.
Bam, J. A.	English, A. H.	Herbert, F. G.	Marshall, W.
Brady, J. H.	Easton, Miss	Hyndson, Rev.	Maskew, N. T.
Bleby, Miss (½)	Elliott, Mrs. W.	Hyndson, Mrs.	Mathie, J. R.
Butler, D. (½)	Fairbridge, C. A	Howell, L. C.	Mathew, J. A.
Buitlidge, J. W.	Faure, Rev. D. P.	Hepburn, Mrs.	Maxwell, R.
Burton, R. (½)	Findlay, J. G.	Houghton, Col. (½)	Maxwell, Mrs.
Braunford, Lionel (½)	Finlay, M. H.	Hunt, Lieut. (R.E.)	Michell, J. H. (½)
Bailey, Surgeon-Captain	Foggitt, Rev. W. S.	Haigh, Mrs. (½)	Millard, W.
Bradley, Major (½)	Foot, Rev. H. M.	Hepburn, Geo.	Marloth, Dr.
Cameron, Miss	Foot, Mrs.	Innes, A. Rose	Mills, C. T.
Cameron, Miss Maud	Forde, J.	Innes, Hon. J. Rose	Mills, Mrs. E.
Carsten, J. C.	Foster, Joseph	Jackson, S.	Moltano, Advocate J. T.
Cartwright, J. D.	Frankenstein, Miss	Jagger, J. W.	Moore, E. J.
Cavill, H. W.	*Fuller, T. E., M.L.A.	Jameson, J. R. (½)	Munnik, J. B.
Cavvin, L. J.	Foster, Mrs. J.	Juta, Advocate	Murray, Chas.
Clementson, Rev. W. L.	Farquharson, W.	Joubert, F.	Myburgh, Miss
Coaton, A. B. (½)	Frame, Jas. (½)	Johnston, W.	Morton, Miss
Coley, J. D.	Ford, J. (½)		Moffat, Mrs. E.
Collier, James	Forbes, Rev W. (½)		Marquard, J. D.
Crosby, J. M.			

# THIRD CLASS.—*Continued.*

Maxwell, R. G.  
McEwan, Jas. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Mück, F. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Maskew, F.  
Martin, Chas.  
Morrison, J. T.  
Marriott, Capt. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Nixon, C. E.  
Nightingale, Mrs. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Nichol, Rev. R. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Orpen, H. M. H.  
Overbeek, Mrs. J. D. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Peringuey, L.  
Peters, Rev. Canon  
Peters, T. P.  
Piers, Dr.  
Piers, H. M.  
Piers, Miss  
Purchas, Capt. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Philip, E.  
Powis, G. T.  
Peirce, A.  
Pinker, Rev. G.  
Powell, E.  
Powell, Mrs.  
Pritchard, C.

Reid, J.  
Reitz, J. D. K.  
Reynolds, G.  
Ridgill, Rev.  
Ritchie, Prof.  
Ritter, C.

Robertson, D.  
Rose, J. E. B.  
Ross, J. R.  
Ross, F.  
Ross, A. E.  
Rutherford, F. F.  
Rylands, E.  
Risler, Capt.  
Roux, Mrs.  
Russell, W. A.  
Robinson, J. H.  
Rennie, F.  
Rehr, H.

Sauer, Hon. J. W.  
Saunders, J.  
Schultz, J.  
Searle, Advocate  
Schreiner, Advocate  
Silberbauer, C. C.  
Silberbauer, C. F.  
Silberbauer, J. C.  
Sinclair, W.  
Silke, Dr.  
Simkins, Miss  
Sinclair, A.  
Smart, Geo.  
Smith, Hon. Justice  
Smith, Rev. D.  
Smith, J.  
Smith, Miss ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Solomon, C. E.  
Spilhaus, W.  
Sprigg, Sir J. G.  
Steer, E. J. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Stephen, M.

Stewart, T.  
Steytler, Rev. A. I.  
Stephens, Miss J.  
Stockdale, R. H.  
Struben, Mrs.  
Stuart, Lieut.  
Syfret, A. G.  
Syfret, E. R.  
Smith, G. B. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Smithers, J. B.  
Steytler, J.  
Swan, S. S.  
Smith, M. J.  
Spiers, G.  
Spencer, H. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Scott, Jas. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Scott, Lieut. L. B. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Sinclair, W. L.  
Stewart, J.  
Smuts, C.  
Simpson, J. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Slade, Mrs. A.

Tanner, H. C.  
Tennant, D., Jun.  
Tennant, H.  
Tooke, W. H.  
Trimen, R.  
Turnbull, Rev. J.  
Taylor, Rev. H. V.  
Thomas, E.  
Theal, G. M.  
Thom, J. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Theodora, Sister ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Uppington, Sir Thomas

Utting, C. W.

Van der Byl, A.  
Van der Tuuk, Prof.  
Van Noorden, E. H.  
Van Oordt, Dr.  
Van Reenen, A. J.  
Van Ryn, J.  
Vincent, L. A.  
Vyvyan, Rev. R. R.

Watermeyer, W. P.  
Wathes, J. W.  
Wathes, Mrs.  
Webber, Advocate W. S.  
Weeks, A. G. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Wicht, J. H.  
Wiener, L., M.L.A.  
Willmot, P. G. H.  
Williams, B. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Wilman, H.  
Wilson, R.  
Woolley, W. T. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Williams, Rev. J. W.  
Walker, Prof.  
Whitty, Dr.  
Wilson, W. Y.  
Wren, G. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Weir, Mrs. S. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
Whitton, J. R.  
Warren, L. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Young, A. ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )



# R E P O R T

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

## SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY,

— CAPE TOWN, —

*for the portion of the year from April 7th, to December 31st, 1893.*

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The Report now submitted must be considered as quite exceptional, owing to the circumstance that the Library year at present ends with December instead of as formerly in April, and also that since the date of the last report the conduct of the Institution has by Act No. 33 of 1893, been transferred from the late Committee of Management to a Board of Trustees consisting partly of *ex-officio* members, partly of members nominated by Government, and partly of members elected by the Annual Subscribers. The need for some change in the constitution has long been acutely felt in consequence of the altered condition of the Colony since the passing of the Ordinance in 1836, by which the Library was, until 1893, controlled. The Act was passed on September 8th, and promulgated September 12th, but owing to the formalities necessary to constitute the new Board, that body could not meet until November 20th; consequently this statement records the actions of the late Committee rather than those of the Board of Trustees.

The arrangements for lighting the Library by electricity were completed in May last, and the building was formally declared open for evening use by the public, by His Excellency the Governor, on May 9th. The result has shewn that such a step was needed. From the first day of the opening to December 31st, 1893, the number of evening readers amounted to 13,370, and there is no reason to suppose that this attendance will decline. The expenses of this improvement have been met by an annual contribution from the Town Council, and an increased Parliamentary Grant contingent upon the Municipal aid being maintained.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that the new Museum is now in course of construction, so that there is a reasonable hope that within a period of two years the whole of the present building will be available for Library purposes. Such an extension of premises is urgently needed, as in spite of the exertions made to increase the shelf-room it is evident that in a comparatively short time the outside limit in this direction will be reached.

The amount received from subscriptions from the last annual meeting to December 31st was £371 5s. 0d., and the number of those subscribing at the close of the year was 469, of whom 325 were annual subscribers.



As far as can be ascertained the readers and visitors to the Institution during the same period numbered 51,138 of whom 13,370 were evening readers. Since May 10th there has been an average attendance by day of 131 and by night of 66, a total of 197. The average attendance last year was 104.

Many valuable books have been added to the Reference Library owing to the liberality of the Parliament in voting the sum of £500 for this purpose.

The number of works and volumes lent out during this portion of the year is 25,097, and consists of—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	97
Political Economy and Government ... ..	201
Science and the Arts ... ..	397
Voyages and Travels ... ..	1,754
History ... ..	1,163
Biography ... ..	1,077
Belles Lettres (including Poetry and the Drama) ... ..	583
Novels ... ..	11,357
Miscellaneous ... ..	432
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	8,015

The accessions of books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) are :—

	Volumes.
Theology ... ..	73
Political Economy and Science ... ..	129
Science and the Arts ... ..	137
Voyages and Travels ... ..	139
History ... ..	141
Biography ... ..	123
Belles Lettres (including Poetry and the Drama) ... ..	148
Novels... ..	225
Miscellaneous ... ..	113

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the United States Government, the Smithsonian Institution (America), the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Department of the Interior (Canada), the Geological and Natural History Survey (Canada), the Royal Society (Canada), the Secretary of Agriculture, United States, the University of Minnesota, the South African Philosophical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Port Elizabeth, the Chamber of Commerce, Grahamstown, the Committee of Council of Education, England, the Congregational Church, Cape Town, and the Department of the Interior, Washington; also to the Countess of Lytton, and the following gentlemen: H. Elffers, Esq., H. G. Fourcade, Esq., Hon. J. H. Hofmeyer, Captain Hollis, U.S. Consulate, W. Jardine, Esq., H. Mackenzie, Esq., J. X. Merriman, Esq., M.L.A., W. H. Minet, Esq., L. Peringuey, Esq., J. A. Seawright, Esq., and the Editor of "The Nation," New York.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the Department of the Interior, Canada, the American Philological Association, the Smithsonian Institution, America, and the Rev. P. H. Brincker.





# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library,

CAPE TOWN,

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1894.

In presenting the Report of the South African Public Library for 1894, the Board is pleased to note that, looking at the attendance of readers, the number of subscribers, the amount received from Subscriptions and the increase in the circulation of books, the past year can be certainly regarded as the most successful in the history of the Institution.

New Rules and Regulations were drafted early in the year and approved of by His Excellency the Governor, on April 4th. The three pound subscription has been abolished, and, although some income has been lost owing to this step, the Board hopes that the facilities afforded by other changes in the Rules will gradually lead to a large addition to the number of Subscribers. The attention of employers is specially directed to the regulation by which business firms can subscribe on behalf of their employes on special terms. Each case is dealt with on its merits, having regard to the number employed. At present (March, 1895), nearly one hundred readers under this clause, are enjoying the benefits of the Library.

The Board has had under its consideration the question of the Insurance of the Books and Furniture, and has effected a Policy more nearly covering their value than the Policies of past years. The Government, on behalf of the Colony, has become responsible for the Insurance of the Building.

Owing to the very large increase of readers the subject of ventilation forced itself upon the attention of the Board. The matter was brought to the notice of the Government and steps were immediately taken to supply what was wanting.

The amount received from subscriptions during the year was £555 9s. 0d., and the number of those subscribing on December 31st was 476, of whom 368 were annual Subscribers.

The readers and visitors to the Institution during the year numbered 76,515, of whom 22,889 were evening readers. Since 1st January, 1894, there has been an average attendance by day of 175, and by night of 75, a total of 250. The average attendance last year was 197.

Many valuable books have been added to the Reference Library owing to the liberality of the Parliament in voting the sum of £500 for this purpose.

The last Report for a complete year (1893), showed that the number of volumes lent out was 28,952, this year the number is 33,605.





The following table gives the number in each year with the increase or decrease per cent.

			Vols. 1893.	Vols. 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.
Theology	...	...	119	144	21 p.c.	
Political Economy and Government	...	...	227	269	18 p.c.	..
Science and the Arts	...	...	411	480	16 p.c.	...
Voyages and Travels	...	...	1,849	2,804	51 p.c.	...
History	...	...	1,293	2,272	75 p.c.	..
Biography	...	...	1,179	2,214	87 p.c.	
Belles Lettres (including Poetry and the Drama)	...	...	689	575	...	16 p.c.
Novels	...	...	12,468	12,511	not 1 p.c.	...
Miscellaneous	...	...	595	464	...	22 p.c.
Periodicals and Reviews	...	...	10,122	11,872	17 p.c.	...

The accessions of books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) are :—

						Volumes.
Theology	...	...	...	...	...	85
Political Economy and Government	...	...	...	...	...	172
Science and the Arts	...	...	...	...	...	361
Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	...	...	111
History	...	...	...	...	...	165
Biography	...	...	...	...	...	138
Belles Lettres (including Poetry and the Drama)	...	...	...	...	...	161
Novels	...	...	...	...	...	347
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	93
Total						1,633

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, the Norwegian Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the United States Government, the Smithsonian Institution (America), the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Department of the Interior (Canada), the Geological and Natural History Survey (Canada), the Royal Society (Canada), the Secretary of Agriculture, United States, the New Zealand Institute, the South African Philosophical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Port Elizabeth, the Committee of Council of Education, England, the Department of the Interior, Washington, The Natal Society, the Grey Institute, the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Committee of the Transvaal Public Library, and to the following:—Miss Julia Lloyd, Mrs. Drummond, London; the executrix late Samuel Bushell, Esq.; W. Hiddingh, Esq., LL.D.; H. G. Fourcade, Esq.; J. B. Smithers, Esq.; St. Vincent Erskine, Esq.; L. Mansergh, Esq.; Professor MacOwan; Dr. J. C. Brown; the Rev. H. C. V. Leibbrandt; Dr. Muir; S. Tylekens, Esq.; W. Ritch, Esq.; Messrs. J. C. Juta & Co.; Dr. David Gill; A. L. Blackburn, Esq.

Special mention should be made of the gift of Dr. J. C. Brown, formerly Colonial Botanist. It consists of his publications and MSS. relating to the Colony, and represents the work of his life.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the Department of the Interior, Canada, the American Philological Association, the Smithsonian Institution, America, and the Rev. P. H. Brincker.



# ❖ REPORT ❖

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library,

❖ CAPE TOWN, ❖

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1895.

In presenting the Report of the South African Public Library for 1895, the Board of Trustees is glad to state that the interest in the Institution taken by the inhabitants of Cape Town and the neighbourhood is still increasing, as will be seen from the following figures:—

	1894.	1895.
Total Number of Subscribers on Dec. 31st ..	476	609
Number of Annual Subscribers on Dec. 31st ..	368	466
Amount received from Subscriptions ..	£555 9s. 0d.	£630 9s. 6d.
Total Number of Readers and Visitors ..	76,515	82,274
Number of Evening Readers ..	22,889	25,010
Daily Average ..	250	281
Number of Volumes Circulated ..	33,605	37,629

The following Table gives the classified circulation during the years 1894 and 1895:—

	VOLS. 1894.	VOLS. 1895.
Theology ...	144	229
Political Economy and Government ...	269	471
Science and the Arts ...	480	586
Voyages and Travels ...	2,804	2,968
History ...	2,272	2,941
Biography ...	2,214	2,314
Belles Lettres (including Poetry and the Drama)	575	667
Novels ...	12,511	13,946
Miscellaneous ...	464	549
Periodicals and Reviews ...	11,872	12,958





It must be borne in mind that these figures include only those publications which have been taken out of the building by subscribers. If an account were kept of all works consulted in the Library by subscribers and non-subscribers, the number would not be less than 100,000.

Many valuable works have been added to the Reference Library owing to the liberality of Parliament in voting £500 for this purpose.

The accessions of books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) are :—

							Volumes.
Theology	...	...	...	...	..	...	157
Political Economy and Government				...	...	...	263
Science and the Arts	...	...	...	...	...	...	480
Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
History ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	179
Biography	...	...	...	...	...	...	197
Belles Lettres (including Poetry and the Drama)				...			342
Novels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	551
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Total						...	2,472

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, the Norwegian Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the United States Government, the Smithsonian Institution (America), the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Department of the Interior (Canada), the Geological and Natural History Survey (Canada), the Royal Society (Canada), the Secretary of Agriculture (United States), the New Zealand Institute, the Chamber of Commerce (Port Elizabeth), the Committee of Council of Education (England), the Department of the Interior (Washington), the Grey Institute, the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Victorian Government, the Royal Colonial Institute, and the Corporation of the City of London, R. Trimen, Esq., W. Thorne, Esq., Mr. De Mar, Rev. Dr. Kolbe, Messrs. Gordon & Gotch, Dr. W. H. Ross, Walter Jardine, Esq., J. Rodger, Esq., E. H. L. Schwarz, Esq., Mrs. Koopmans, Rev. H. C. V. Leibbrandt, and J. W. Jagger, Esq.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the Department of the Interior (Canada), the American Philological Association, the Smithsonian Institution (America), and Major Sir G. S. Robertson.





# ➤ REPORT ➤

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library,

◁ CAPE TOWN, ▷

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1896.

In presenting the Report of the South African Public Library for the year 1896, the Board of Trustees is pleased to be able to state that the portion of the Building occupied by the Museum, is being vacated, and that there is every likelihood of its being rendered suitable for Library purposes during the year 1897.

The Board is pleased to note that the attendance of readers is still on the increase, and that though libraries in the suburbs are being multiplied, there is no reason to suppose that they will permanently affect this Institution. It is gratifying to find that while within the last few years no less than eight Public Libraries have been established in the Peninsula, viz., at the Docks, at Woodstock, Mowbray, Rondebosch, Claremont, Wynberg, Muizenberg and Simon's Town, yet the South African Public Library has steadily progressed.

The Board is glad to state that the re-classification and re-cataloguing of the Library, upon which the Librarian has been engaged, is approaching completion, and that nearly all the subjects have now been press-marked. The books lent out to readers are here presented under the new system of classification, and consequently for this year no real comparison can be made with the results of past years; though it is certain that novel reading has increased and that the perusal of more serious literature has declined.

The following Table gives the classified circulation during the year :—

Religion	...	...	...	379
Philosophy	...	...	...	129
Society	...	...	...	384
History and Travels	...	...	...	2,218
Biography	...	...	...	885
Science	...	...	...	573
Arts	...	...	...	621
Philology and History of Literature				272
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels)				974
Novels	...	...	...	20,464
Periodicals and Reviews	...	...	...	14,922

The following list contains the number of subscribers, readers, etc. :—

		1895.	1896.
Total Number of Subscribers on Dec. 31st	...	609	586
Number of Annual Subscribers on Dec. 31st	...	466	468
Amount received from Subscriptions	...	£630 9s. 6d.	£633 19s. 0d.
Total Number of Readers and Visitors	...	82,274	90,058
Number of Evening Readers	...	25,010	26,252
Daily Average	...	281	307
Number of Volumes Circulated...	...	37,629	41,821

It is worthy of note that the attendance has trebled during the last four years, and that the evening attendance is larger than the total attendance eight years ago.



The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) are :—

Religion	...	...	120
Philosophy	...	...	42
Society	...	...	173
History and Travels	...	...	276
Biography	...	...	121
Science	...	...	168
Arts...	...	...	144
Philology and History of Literature			145
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels)			122
Novels	...	...	331
Calendars and Year-books	...	...	51
Transactions of Scientific Societies			57
Total			1,750

Many valuable works have been added to the Reference Library, owing to the liberality of Parliament in voting £500 for this purpose.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, the Norwegian Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science (Munich), the United States Government, the Smithsonian Institution, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Department of the Interior (Canada), the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, the Secretary of Agriculture (United States), the New Zealand Institute, the Committee of Council of Education (England), the Department of the Interior (Washington), the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Commission of Education (Washington), the Committee of the Melbourne Public Library, the South African Museum, the South African Philosophical Society, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, J. Rodger, Esq., E. H. L. Schwarz, Esq., W. Fysh, Esq., T. W. Balch, Esq. (U.S.A.), Professor Marais, Miss Julia Lloyd, A. Walton, Esq., F. P. T. Struben, Esq., F.R.G.S., A. C. McDonald, Esq. (Australia), Mrs. Erskine, Dr. D. Gill, Rev. J. J. Kotze, Dr. Theal, G. Williams, Esq., W. Kitch, Esq., Dr. Muir, Mrs. Solly, E. Powell, Esq., De Jonkheer Van Citters, Mrs. Jamieson and W. Thorne, Esq.

It should be specially mentioned that Mrs. Jamieson and the Rev. J. J. Kotze have each presented an Illuminated Manuscript to the Library.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the American Philological Association.





# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ending December 31st, 1897.

In presenting the Report for the past year, the Board of Trustees is pleased to be able to state that the scheme begun in 1889 to provide separate accommodation for the Library and the Museum has in the year 1897 been brought to a conclusion.

The conversion into a Reading Room of the Hall lately occupied by the Museum has been a subject upon which the Members of the Board of Trustees have expended much time and trouble, and they trust that, considering all the difficulties, the result will be found satisfactory. For most ready and valuable assistance they are indebted to the Commissioner of Public Works (The Hon. Sir JAMES SIVEWRIGHT) and Mr. H. S. GREAVES.

The Board is pleased to report that the interest in the Institution is being maintained, as will be seen from the following statistics.

The following Table gives the classified circulation during the years 1896 and 1897 :—

	1896.	1897.
Religion ... ..	379	506
Philosophy ... ..	129	151
Society ... ..	384	339
History and Travels ... ..	2,218	2,508
Biography ... ..	885	605
Science ... ..	573	549
Arts ... ..	621	516
Philology and History of Literature ... ..	272	394
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ... ..	974	1,149
Novels ... ..	20,464	19,974
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	14,922	15,057
Total Circulation ... ..	41,821	41,748





The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc.:—

	1896.	1897.
Total Number of Subscribers on Dec. 31st	586	672
Number of Annual Subscribers on Dec. 31st	468	562
Amount received from Subscriptions ...	£633/19/0	£680/1/0
Total number of Readers and Visitors ...	90,058	93,621
Number of Evening Readers ...	26,252	30,772
Daily Average ...	296	308

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) are:—

Religion ...	88
Philosophy ...	27
Society ...	134
History and Travels ...	272
Biography ...	87
Science ...	182
Arts... ...	119
Philology and History of Literature ...	59
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ...	114
Novels ...	364
Calendars and Year-books ...	38
Transactions of Learned Societies ...	49
Total ...	1533

Many valuable works have been added to the Reference Library, owing to the liberality of Parliament in voting £500 for this purpose.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the Norwegian Government, the United States Government, the Canadian Government, the Natal Government, the Australian Government, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the South African Philosophical Society, the Geological Society of South Africa, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science, the Smithsonian Institution, the Royal Irish Academy, the New Zealand Institute, the Royal Society of Canada, the Howard Association, the Trustees of the British Museum, the University of Edinburgh, the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, the Port Elizabeth Museum, the Adams Memorial Committee, the Executors in the Estate of the late C. C. Walker (Shropshire), the Rev. P. H. Brincker (Stellenbosch), Dr. D. Gill, Astronomer Royal, J. Grant, Esq. (Edinburgh), Rev. A. Vine-Hall, the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Rev. G. Jeffreys, W. Kitch, Esq., the Rev. H. C. V. Leibbrandt, Professor Macowan, Dr. Manikus, Mrs. Nightingale, L. Péringuey, Esq., Miss Ellen A. Proctor (Dublin), J. Rodger, Esq., W. H. Searle, Esq., Joseph Simms, Esq., the Hon. Maharaj. Pratap Narain Singh, Dr. Theal, W. Thorne, Esq., A. P. Trotter, Esq.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the American Philological Association.



# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ending December 31st, 1898.

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In presenting their Report for the year 1898, the Trustees of the South African Public Library are glad to record the completion of a movement begun in 1889, viz., the provision for a new Museum, and the occupation of the present building for Library purposes only.

The large Hall formerly used for the Museum exhibits, now converted into a spacious Reading Room for the general public, was opened by H.E. the Governor (Sir Alfred Milner) on August 8th.

The change has given greater sitting accommodation than is generally imagined. The old Hall could not comfortably seat sixty readers and was disagreeably full with eighty, whilst the new Hall can easily seat one hundred and sixty, and by arrangement could be made available for an additional hundred.

But from the genuine student's point of view the most satisfactory change is the conversion of the old Hall into a place of study, where he may, during his requirement, have a seat reserved for himself and his books. This convenience has been enjoyed by many, and the Trustees expect that this class of reader will increase, as the privilege becomes better known.

The Trustees are anxious to throw open the whole building each day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., but lack of funds prevents their doing so. Leaving out the question of the additional staff required the cost of lighting would be of itself almost prohibitive. During the last four months of the year 1897 this item cost £39 3s. 8d., whilst that for the corresponding period of 1898 was £61 11s. 3d. These months it must be borne in mind are among those with the longest days; the increase during the winter months will be out of all proportion to the figures just given. The Trustees, however, venture to hope that the necessary funds from one source or other will be forthcoming.

Towards the close of the year the Trustees invited the co-operation of several gentlemen, specialists in their departments, to assist in drawing up lists of books suitable for addition to the Library of Reference. Most of those invited readily promised their help, and some have submitted their lists. The Trustees hope shortly to be able to consider these lists and to purchase such works as the funds will allow.

In December, Mrs. Saul Solomon most generously offered such of her late husband's library as the Trustees should choose, to be placed in the South African Public Library and called the "Saul Solomon Collection." The offer was gratefully accepted. The selection was made early this year (1899) and is now in the Institution awaiting cataloguing and classification.

The Trustees desire to thank Dr. Kolbe for accepting a seat upon the Board during the absence from the Colony of the Rev. Dr. Cameron.

They regret to have to record the death of Mr. John Noble and of Sir George Grey. Mr. Noble served for many years under the old Committee of Management as Auditor, and later as one of the Trustees and as Honorary Treasurer. Sir George Grey by his munificent gift, known as the Grey Collection, has directed the attention of all book-lovers to this Institution. Sir George Grey differed in one notable respect from ordinary donors; he gave the gift during his life-time and his interest in it ceased only with his life.





TABLE I

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH HONORARY TREASURER.

Dr.

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For Sundry Disbursements on Account of the South African Public Library from January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898.

1898. To CHARGES—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries & Allowances (one year) to Dec. 31, 1898	1,318	2	6			
Printing, Advertisements, Coal, Petties	117	16	9			
Auditing Library Books	10	10	0			
Insurance	20	0	0			
Electric Light (one year) to November 30, 1898	140	15	11			
				1,607	5	2
„ DEPOSITS—						
Amount Returned				62	5	0
„ BOOKS (GENERAL ACCOUNT)—						
Books Purchased (in the Colony)	373	17	11			
Binding	39	5	3			
				413	3	2
„ BOOKS (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)—						
Books purchased (in the Colony)	192	10	6			
Printing Catalogue Slips	9	18	0			
				202	8	6
„ EXTENSION FUND—						
Furnishing New Reading Room				929	11	10
„ PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS—						
Reference Library Book Fund				50	0	0
„ BALANCE—						
Carried forward to Next Year				139	19	8
				<u>£3,404</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>

For Sundry Receipts on Account of the South African Public Library from January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898.

BY	BALANCE—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward from Last Year	...	...	...	775	12	4
„	SUBSCRIPTIONS—						
	Amount Received to December 31, 1898	...	...	...	670	11	0
„	DEPOSITS—						
	Amount received to December 31, 1898	...	...	...	89	0	0
„	DESSINIAN TRUST—						
	One Year's Interest to December 31, 1898	...	...	...	4	10	0
„	RENT—						
	Art Gallery, 10 months	...	...	...	90	0	0
„	PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS—						
	General	...	...	...	525	0	0
	Special	...	...	...	250	0	0
					<u>775</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
„	TOWN COUNCIL—						
	One Year's Grant	...	...	...	350	0	0
„	EXTENSION FUND—						
	Withdrawn from Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	600	0	0
„	STANDARD BANK (LONDON)—						
	Withdrawn from Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	50	0	0
CAPE TOWN,	THOS. MUIR,				<u>£3,404</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>
March 7, 1899.	Acting Hon. Treasurer.						

We have examined this Account and declare the same to be correct, and that the balance of cash in the Standard Bank, Cape Town, is One Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Eightpence Sterling, and also that the following amounts have been deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, viz., to the credit of:—

	£	s.	d.
Endowment Fund	2,499	19	11
Deposit Account	274	10	0
Library Extension Fund	1,946	11	3
Reference Library Book Fund	1,171	0	2
And a further sum of £250 in the Standard Bank, London.			

H. R. HORNE, }  
A. J. O'FLAHERTY, } *Auditors.*

CAPE TOWN, March 7, 1899.



The following Table gives the classified circulation during the years 1897 and 1898 :—

	1897.	1898.
Religion ... ..	506	549
Philosophy ... ..	151	263
Society ... ..	339	450
History and Travels ... ..	2,508	2,158
Biography ... ..	605	342
Science ... ..	549	593
Arts ... ..	516	637
Philology and History of Literature ... ..	894	351
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ... ..	1,149	757
Novels ... ..	19,974	21,614
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	15,057	15,507
<b>Total Circulation</b> ... ..	<b>41,748</b>	<b>43,221</b>

These figures represent only such books as were taken from the Library by Subscribers; the books used by other readers would more than equal this number. Fiction forms a suprisingly small portion of this class of reading.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc. :—

	1897.	1898.
Total Number of Subscribers on Dec. 31st	672	651
Number of Annual Subscribers on Dec. 31st	562	566
Amount received from Subscriptions ...	£680/1/0	£670/11/0
Total Number of Readers and Visitors ...	93,621	91,368
Number of Evening Readers ...	30,772	27,857
Daily Average ... ..	308	297

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) are :—

	1898.
Religion ... ..	96
Philosophy ... ..	33
Society ... ..	167
History and Travels ... ..	307
Biography ... ..	37
Science ... ..	159
Arts ... ..	104
Philology and History of Literature ... ..	71
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ... ..	83
Novels ... ..	459
Calendars and Year-books ... ..	44
Transactions of Learned Societies ... ..	62
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>1,622</b>

Among these are many valuable works added to the Reference Library, owing to the liberality of Parliament in voting £500 for this purpose.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the Norwegian Government, the United States Government, the Canadian Government, the Natal Government, the Australian Government, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science, the Smithsonian Institution, the Royal Irish Academy, the New Zealand Institute, the Royal Society of Canada, the Trustees of the British Museum, the University of Edinburgh, the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Transvaal Government, the New South Wales Government, the South African Museum, the British South Africa Company, the Royal Observatory (Greenwich), the South African Philosophical Society, Harry Bolus, Esq., the Rev. P. H. Brincker (Stellenbosch), the Rev. T. Browning, the Hon. Mr. Justice Buchanan, H. G. Burall, Esq. (U.S. America), the Rev. W. Colenso, K. Dutt, Esq. (Calcutta), W. H. Harrison, Esq., the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Rev. H. C. V. Leibbrandt, W. H. Searle, Esq., Dr. A. J. J. B. Simons, W. W. Stephens, Esq. (London), Henry Taylor, Esq., Sedley Taylor, Esq. (Cambridge), A. Townshend, Esq., Dr. van Oordt, J. F. van Oordt, Esq., the Rev. J. W. Williams, J. Wymenga, Esq.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the American Philological Association.



# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ending December 31st, 1899.

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*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st, 1899.*

**NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR:—**

REV. J. CAMERON, B.A., LL.D.  
HON. J. H. HOFMEYR.  
REV. F. C. KOLBE, B.A., D.D.  
HON. J. X. MERRIMAN.

**ELECTED BY SUBSCRIBERS:—**

H. BEARD, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
H. BOLUS.  
VEN. ARCHDEACON LIGHTFOOT, B.D., *Chairman.*  
J. E. WATERSTON, M.D.

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:—**

T. BALL, Mayor of Cape Town.  
T. MUIR, M.A., LL.D., Vice Chancellor of the University.

**LIBRARIAN:—**

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

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In presenting their Report for the year 1899, the Trustees of the South African Public Library desire to draw attention to the fact that since July 31st the whole of the Library has been open (Sundays and Christmas Day excepted) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Board are desirous to continue this increased facility to the public; but, as it is being carried on at a considerable loss, and as the additional expenditure will soon exhaust the available funds, they will be unable to do so without some increase to the means at present at their disposal. The whole question of the finances of the Library is being seriously considered by the Trustees, and they hope soon to find means of equalising the income and expenditure. One manifest way of doing this is to secure an increase in the number of Subscribers.

The re-cataloguing and classification of the books of the Library upon which the Librarian has for some years been engaged are completed, with the exception of the recently acquired Saul Solomon Collection.

There are now (1) a catalogue in book-form arranged alphabetically according to authors' names, in which printed slips are regularly inserted for the purpose of keeping it up to date, (2) a manuscript subject-catalogue of the books as they stand on the shelves, and (3) a card catalogue giving full bibliographical details of each work. The books are now numbered and have been arranged in the Library according to the numerical order of their press-marks. By this method volumes are easily found, and consequently the time of the reader and of the staff is considerably saved.



The Trustees invited several gentlemen, experts in their department, to draw up lists of books suitable for addition to the Library. The assistance asked for was readily given, and in consequence purchases have been made of, or orders given, for valuable works in the following:—Architecture, Engineering, English literature, French and German literature, Greek and Latin Classics, Mathematics, Philology, Philosophy, Physics and Zoology. Other subjects will be dealt with during the year 1900.

Additional accommodation for the increasing number of volumes has been made by the erection of book-cases in the galleries of the Reading Room, one of which is completed, and the other nearly so.

The Trustees regret that in spite of the vigilance of the staff, visitors to the Library have sometimes been guilty of wanton injury to books and even of stealing them. It is a satisfaction to report that in the month of July a reader was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for stealing a work belonging to the Institution.

The Trustees regret to have to record the death of Mr. WILLEM HIDDINGH, who was for many years a member of the Library Committee, and Hon. Treasurer, and to whom the Institution is indebted for several valuable gifts. MR. HIDDINGH has added to his many services to the Library by bequeathing the sum of £1,000 for the purchase of works of reference to be called the “WILLEM HIDDINGH COLLECTION.”

The following Table gives the classified circulation during the years 1898 and 1899:—

	1898.	1899.
Religion ... ..	549	508
Philosophy ... ..	263	275
Society ... ..	450	512
History and Travels ... ..	2,158	3,135
Biography ... ..	342	201
Science ... ..	593	660
Arts ... ..	637	912
Philology and History of Literature ... ..	351	395
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ... ..	757	795
Novels ... ..	21,614	23,403
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	15,507	15,427
Total Circulation ... ..	43,221	46,223

These figures represent only such books as were taken from the Library by Subscribers; the books used by other readers would more than equal this number. Fiction forms a surprisingly small portion of this class of reading.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc.:—

	1898.	1899.
Total Number of Subscribers on December 31st ... ..	651	701
Number of Annual Subscribers on December 31st ... ..	566	547
Amount received from Subscriptions ... ..	£670/11/0	£694/7/0
Total Number of Readers and Visitors ... ..	91,368	94,623
Daily Average ... ..	297	305

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) were:—

	1898.	1899.
Religion ... ..	96	108
Philosophy ... ..	33	49
Society ... ..	167	153
History and Travels ... ..	307	592
Biography ... ..	37	31
Science ... ..	159	193
Arts ... ..	104	192
Philology and History of Literature ... ..	71	95
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ... ..	83	152
Novels ... ..	459	560
Calendars and Year-books ... ..	44	51
Transactions of Learned Societies ... ..	62	97
Total ... ..	1,622	2,273

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government, the Colonial Government, the United States Government, the Canadian Government, the Natal Government, the Australian Government, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science, the Smithsonian Institution, the Royal Irish Academy, the New Zealand Institute, the Trustees of the British Museum, the University of Edinburgh, the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Transvaal Government, the New South Wales Government, the South African Museum, the British South Africa Company, the South African Philosophical Society, the Committee of Council on Education, England, the Geological Society of South Africa, the Chamber of Mines, Johannesburg, the Chamber of Commerce, Port Elizabeth, the Meteorological Commission, Cape Town, the Trustees of the Public Library, Victoria, the New Zealand Government, Admiral Sir J. C. R. Colomb, E. T. Frere, Esq., H. Fysh, Esq., George Gilchrist, Esq., Dr. D. Gill, Miss A. G. Hewitt, E. F. Kilpin, Esq., the Rev. H. C. V. Leibbrandt, Miss Julia Lloyd, E. Lozano, Esq., Professor Macowan, John Madden, Esq., London, the Hon. W. P. Schreiner, the Hon. C. A. Smith, W. Tebb, Esq., A. P. Trotter, Esq., J. F. van Oordt, Esq.

The Grey Collection has received a few additions from the American Philological Association.

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# Dr. South African Public Library in account current with the Honorary Treasurer. Cr.

1899.

For sundry disbursements on account of the South African Public Library from the 1st January, 1899, to the 31st December, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To CHARGES—						
Salaries and Allowances, one year to 31st December, 1899	1,554	0	0			
Printing, Advertisements, Coal and Petries	165	5	9			
Auditing Books	10	10	0			
Insurance	20	0	0			
Electric Light, one year	236	15	6			
				1,986	11	3
Deposits—						
Amount returned	...			63	5	0
Books (GENERAL ACCOUNT)—						
Books Purchased in the Colony	642	3	7			
Binding	26	1	8			
				668	5	3
Books (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)—						
Books Purchased in the Colony	350	11	6			
Printing Catalogue Slips	19	14	0			
				370	5	6
LIBRARY EXTENSION—						
Sundry Alterations	...			302	9	1
BALANCE—						
Carried forward to next year	...			401	5	7
				<u>£3,792</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

We have examined this account and declare the same to be correct, and that the balance of cash in the Standard Bank Cape Town, is Four Hundred and One Pounds, Five Shillings and Sevenpence Sterling, and also that the following amounts have been deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank to the credit of:—

Endowment Fund	...	...	£2,583	4	4
Deposit Account	...	...	274	10	0

And a further Sum of One Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and One Penny Sterling, in the Standard Bank, London.

Cape Town,  
12th February, 1900.

H. R. HORNE,  
O'FLAHERTY, GRANT & CO., } Auditors.

1899.

For sundry receipts on account of the South African Public Library, from the 1st January, 1899, to the 31st December, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By BALANCE—						
Brought forward from last year	139	19	8			
DEPOSITS—						
Amount received to 31st Dec., 1899	122	5	0			
SUBSCRIPTIONS—						
Amount received to 31st Dec., 1899	694	7	0			
TOWN COUNCIL—						
One Year's Grant	...			350	0	0
MONTHLY LIST OF BOOKS—						
Townshend, Taylor & Snashall, right to publish to 30th Nov., 1898...	...			21	0	0
DESSINIAN TRUST—						
One Year's Interest to 31st Dec., 1898	...			4	10	0
RENT—						
Art Gallery (15 Months)	...			135	0	0
PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS—						
General Grant (18 Months)	...			1,575	0	0
Special Grant	...			750	0	0
				<u>2,325</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Cape Town,  
19th Feb., 1900.

THOS. MUIR,  
Actg. Hon. Treasurer.

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# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN.

For the Year ending December 31st. 1900.

*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st. 1900.*

**NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR:—**

REV. J. CAMERON, B.A., L.L.D.  
T. BALL, Deputy Mayor,  
    acting for the HON. J. H. HOFMEYR.  
REV. F. C. KOLBE, B.A., D.D.  
HON. J. X. MERRIMAN.

**ELECTED BY SUBSCRIBERS:—**

H. BEARD, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
H. BOLUS.  
VEN. ARCHDEACON LIGHTFOOT, B.D., *Chairman.*  
J. E. WATERSTON, M.D.

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:—**

T. MUIR, M.A., L.L.D., Vice-Chancellor of the University.  
T. J. O'REILLY, Mayor of Cape Town.

**LIBRARIAN:—**

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

The Report of the Trustees of the South African Public Library for the year 1900 is noteworthy as being that of the first complete year during which the Library has been open continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Trustees regret that the state of the Colony does not warrant them in drawing any conclusion as to the real advantage the continuous opening has been to Cape Town and the neighbourhood; the presence of a large number of refugees and the absence of many of the regular inhabitants preventing any trustworthy comparisons being made with the statistics of previous years.

Attention, however, must be directed to the large increase of readers from 94,623 to 117,441, an increase which has taxed to the utmost the energies of the staff. A large fraction of these readers belonging to the educated classes of the neighbouring states were enabled by means of this Institution to prosecute their studies, which, but for such an opportunity, would have been abandoned. Some of these became temporary subscribers, and the result can be seen in the figures dealing with the circulation of books; for whilst the number of novels and magazines lent out remains about the same as last year, the increase in more serious literature is somewhat considerable.



The migratory character of these readers may be gathered from the amount of deposits received (£183) and the deposits returned (£116), which shows that about 360 persons became subscribers for a short time and that 230 withdrew, a state of things without precedent in the history of the Library.

Important additions have been made in Architecture, Engineering, Mathematics, Philology, Music, Philosophy, the literatures of England, France and Germany, and Greek and Latin classics. Other subjects will be dealt with during the current year as far as the funds will allow. The Trustees regret to report that the Government grant of £500 specially devoted to the purchase of works of this nature was for the year 1900-01 withdrawn.

During the year new book-cases have been erected in the top gallery and on the floor of the Reading Room. These provide space for the recent additions and relieve the congested state of other parts of the Institution.

The Trustees are sorry to say that the additional expense of keeping the Library open continuously causes the expenditure to be greater than the income. The small accumulated capital of the Institution has during the year been re-invested at a higher rate of interest, but the addition to the income under the new arrangement will not greatly lessen the annual deficit.

In attempting to equalise income with expenditure the subject of periodicals occupied the attention of the Board. A generation ago comparatively few subscribers regularly took out this class of literature, a glance at an occasional article which specially interested them satisfying most of their requirements. Of late years, however, a more popular style of magazine has been presented by publishers to the public, and subscribers have developed a taste for a kind of reading unknown in former years. In 1889 our magazine circulation was 6,939, but by 1899 it had risen to 15,427. In some cases subscribers have had issued to them during a year more than 200 magazines and reviews in addition to books. After deliberation, the Trustees came to the conclusion that to attempt to satisfy the growing wants of this class of readers would nearly exhaust the sum paid in subscriptions, and that they would be left at the year's end with a mass of printed matter, most of which would only be of waste-paper value. The question of increased clerical assistance had also to be considered. They therefore resolved to divide the annual subscription into two parts, the taking out of a magazine being optional upon a small additional payment towards the defrayment of costs.

The following Table gives the classified circulation during the years 1899 and 1900 :—

	1899.	1900.
Religion ... ..	508	664
Philosophy ... ..	275	241
Society ... ..	512	533
History and Travels ... ..	3,135	3,977
Biography ... ..	201	239
Science ... ..	660	741
Arts ... ..	912	1,348
Philology and History of Literature ... ..	395	479
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels) ... ..	795	1,140
Novels ... ..	23,403	23,809
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	15,427	15,588
<b>Total Circulation ... ..</b>	<b>46,223</b>	<b>48,759</b>

These figures represent only such books as were taken from the Library by Subscribers; the books used by non-subscribers would more than equal this number.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc. :—

	1899.	1900.
Total Number of Subscribers on December 31st	701	745
Number of Annual Subscribers on December 31st	547	556
Amount received from Subscriptions	£694/7/0	£767/12/6
Total Number of Readers and Visitors	94,623	117,441
Daily Average	305	378

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) were :—

	1899.	1900.
Religion	108	117
Philosophy	49	71
Society	153	184
History and Travels	592	571
Biography	31	18
Science	193	176
Arts	192	232
Philology and History of Literature	95	128
Belles Lettres (excluding Novels)	152	537
Novels	560	469
Calendars and Year-books	51	65
Transactions of Learned Societies	97	91
Total	2,273	2,659

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government; the Colonial Government; the United States Government; the New Zealand Government; the Canadian Government; the Norwegian Government; the Natal Government; the Royal Society; the Royal Geographical Society; the Royal Astronomical Society; the Royal Dublin Society; the Royal Historical Society; the Royal Irish Academy; the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science; the Smithsonian Institution; the New Zealand Institute; the Trustees of the British Museum; the Westminster Vestry, London; the Corporation of the City of Cape Town; the Trustees of the South African Museum; the Committee of Council on Education, England; the Secretary of the Chamber of Mines; the Chamber of Commerce, Port Elizabeth; the Chamber of Commerce, Cape Town; the Public Library, Sydney; the South African News Co.; the Astronomer Royal, Greenwich; the Superintendent General of Education, Cape Town; Dr. G. H. Clifton, Knysna; Melius de Villiers, Esq.; Messrs. Donaldson & Hill, Johannesburg; Dr. D. Goldblatt; Sir David Gill; Mark Henderson, Esq., Kimberley; E. F. Kilpin, Esq.; the Rev. Dr. Kolbe; the Rev. H. C. V. Leibbrandt; Miss Julia Lloyd; Professor Macowan; the Hon. J. X. Merriman; Mrs. J. Noble; Walter Perry & Sons, England; Miss Redlinghuys, Sea Point; Herbert H. Sturmer, Esq., London; J. E. Smith, Esq.; W. H. Searle, Esq.; Dr. G. M. Theal; Dr. Van Oordt; Dr. Vrolik; Thos. Williamson, Esq., London.

# SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Cash Statement for Year ended 31st December, 1900.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<b>TO BALANCE—</b>			<b>BY CHARGES—</b>		
Brought forward from last year		401 5 7	Salaries and Allowances	1,667 0 0	
" SUBSCRIPTIONS		767 12 6	Electric Light	280 12 3	
" TOWN COUNCIL GRANT		350 0 0	Printing, Advertisements, &c	166 10 10	
" PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS—			Auditing Books	10 10 0	
General	1,050 0 0		Insurance	20 0 0	
Special...	250 0 0				2,144 13 1
" THE DESSINIAN TRUST—			" BOOKS (GENERAL ACCOUNT)—		
Yearly Interest		4 10 0	Books	359 2 9	
" FOR PUBLICATION OF MONTHLY LIST			Binding, &c.	21 16 8	
OF BOOKS					380 19 5
" RENT		21 0 0	" BOOKS (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)—		
" INTEREST		108 0 0	Books	682 3 1	
" FINES		130 14 6	Printing Catalogue Slips	28 18 0	
" DEPOSITS ON BALANCE—					711 1 1
Received	182 15 0		" LIBRARY EXTENSION FUND—		
Paid	116 5 0		Cases for Reading Room, &c.	212 13 0	
" POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—			" INVESTMENTS—		
Withdrawals on Balance	5,213 12 1		Municipal Debentures	3,000 0 0	
			Mortgage Bonds	1,900 0 0	
					4,900 0 0
			" STANDARD BANK, CAPE TOWN,		
			Balance, 31st December, 1900	14 0 7	
					£8,363 7 2

We have examined this account and declare the same to be correct, and that the Balances were the following on the 31st December, 1900, viz. :—

Post Office Savings Bank	£1,865 1 3
Standard Bank, Cape Town	14 0 7
Standard Bank, London	147 17 1
Messrs. Wm. Georges' Sons, Bristol	105 6 0
And Securities as follows, viz. :—	
Municipal Debentures	£3,000
Mortgage Bonds	1,900
	4,900 0 0

Cape Town,  
8th March, 1901.

HENRY BEARD, Hon. Treasurer.  
H. R. HORNE,  
O'FLAHERTY, GRANT & CO. } Auditors.



# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN.

For the Year ended December 31st, 1901.

*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st, 1901.*

### NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR:—

REV. J. CAMERON, B.A., LL.D.  
HON. J. H. HOFMEYER  
(for whom the REV. F. C. KOLBE, B.A., D.D., is acting).  
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W. THORNE, Mayor of Cape Town.

### LIBRARIAN:—

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

In issuing their report for the year 1901, the Trustees of the South African Public Library have still to regret that the state of the Colony does not warrant them in drawing any conclusion as to the real advantage the continuous opening of the Institution from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. has been to Cape Town and the neighbourhood. Refugees remain here in large numbers, whilst many of the regular inhabitants are absent.

In their last report the Trustees drew attention to the fact that the Library had afforded to those belonging to the educated classes of the neighbouring Colonies, the means of prosecuting their studies which but for such opportunities would have been abandoned. During the year the same facilities for students have been made available and have been taken advantage of, but it is significant that within the last few months the larger number of this class of reader have returned to their homes.

Some indication of this homeward movement can be seen after an examination of the amount of deposits received and deposits returned. During 1900 the deposits received amounted to £183 and the deposits returned to £116; showing that about 360 became subscribers and that 230 withdrew, a state of things without precedent in the history of the Library. During 1901 the amount of deposits received was £123 15s. and deposits returned £127 5s., showing that about 250 became subscribers and 260 withdrew.

New furniture has been procured for the Reference Library, and a cork carpet has been laid down. This carpet, besides being much cleaner than the old cocoa-nut matting, almost removes the necessity for closing the Institution for cleaning purposes, and the Trustees would have been able to state that during 1901 the Library had been continuously open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day in the year (Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday excepted) but for the following circumstance:—

On the night of June 25th the woodwork connected with the electric meter was found to be on fire. The discovery was made by Mrs. Salmon, whose husband occupies rooms in a part of the building at present used as Government offices. With great presence of mind, she pulled down some curtains, plunged them in water, and by this action extinguished what might have become a disastrous fire.



The firm of electrical engineers who had hitherto done all the repairs was at once called in. After inspection the manager stated that the whole apparatus was in an unsatisfactory state, and that though it might be patched up, there would always be great danger of another fire, and on the part of his firm declined to undertake anything in the way of mere mending.

A consulting electrical engineer was then instructed to make a thorough examination of the lighting arrangements and to report. After examination this engineer condemned the whole apparatus as dangerous, and gave it as his opinion that nothing short of an entirely new installation would render the lighting safe. To be quite sure that matters were as bad as they were represented, the Trustees asked the Government for the services of their electrician. This request was readily granted. After another inspection, quite independent and without the knowledge of the first engineer, this gentleman came to precisely the same conclusion as the former.

The Trustees then approached the Government with a view of having the lighting arrangements carried on in future as if they were those of a Government Institution. The reasons they put forward were that they had no funds with which to defray the cost of a thoroughly good installation, and that besides books and manuscripts, extremely valuable from a bibliographical point of view, there were in the Library manuscripts, etc., relating to South Africa of inestimable value to future historians, which if destroyed could never be replaced no matter at what sum they might be insured.

After a little while the Government consented to have a new installation made, and to keep it in order as if it were in a Government Institution. In consequence, however, of the illuminations in connection with the visit of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, they could do nothing until the departure of the Royal visitors. At the close of the visit the work was at once commenced, and finished in the shortest possible time. Further, the light is now supplied from the Government source, so that the entire lighting apparatus is now under one control, and the danger of fire reduced to a minimum.

The thanks of the Trustees are due to the Commissioner of Public Works (Dr. Smartt) for the courtesy and public spirit he has shown in the matter.

The Library was reopened at night on October 29th.

The Trustees have had under consideration at various times the difficulty of combining the proper conduct of a National Library of Reference with that of a Circulating Library, and the time seems to be approaching when this will have to be dealt with by the Government or Legislature of this Colony. The Librarian, Mr. Lewis, has handed in a Report\* embodying his own views upon this subject, which the Trustees append as a valuable contribution to the discussion that will ensue. They are not yet prepared to make any definite recommendations in respect thereof.

The Trustees regret that the past year has been marked by a large increase in the theft and mutilation of magazines, &c., lying on the tables in the Reading Room. Sufficient evidence was obtained against one reader, to secure his conviction in the Magistrate's Court.

The general introduction of the slip system of ordering books has enabled the staff to keep a correct account of all works issued both to subscribers and to non-subscribers. The figures below give the total numbers from July 1st.

It will be seen that the non-subscribers have considerably added to the more serious reading, whilst they have made no appreciable difference to the novels.

Had the Library not been closed at dusk for four months of this period the difference would have been more marked.

The following Table gives the classified circulation during the years 1900 and 1901:—

	1900	1901
Religion ... ..	664	818
Philosophy ... ..	241	469
Society ... ..	533	1,073
History and Travels ... ..	4,216	4,566
Science ... ..	741	1,597
Arts ... ..	1,348	1,822
Literature ... ..	1,619	3,175
Fiction ... ..	23,809	21,384
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..		778
Periodicals and Reviews... ..	15,588	8,465
<b>Total Circulation ... ..</b>	<b>48,759</b>	<b>44,147</b>

These figures do not include the Works of Reference in the open shelves which are in constant use.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc. :—

	1900	1901
Total Number of Subscribers on December 31st	745	671
Number of Annual Subscribers on December 31st	556	516
Amount received from Subscriptions ...	£767/12/6	£758/1/6
Total Number of Readers and Visitors	117,441	98,155
Daily Average	378	318

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including Magazines) were :—

	1900	1901
Religion	117	123
Philosophy	71	53
Society	184	236
History and Travels	589	579
Science	176	216
Arts	232	279
Literature	665	655
Fiction	469	396
Year-books and Proceedings	156	183
Total	2,659	2,720

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government ; the Colonial Government ; the Natal Government ; the United States Government ; the Canadian Government ; the Royal Society ; the Royal Geographical Society ; the Royal Astronomical Society ; the Royal Irish Academy ; the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science ; the Royal Society of Canada ; the Smithsonian Institution ; the Trustees of the British Museum ; the South African Philosophical Society ; the Committee of Council on Education, England ; the University of Edinburgh ; the Corporation of the City of Cape Town ; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines ; the South African Vigilance Committee ; the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce ; the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce ; the Astronomer Royal, Greenwich ; the Trustees of the South African Museum ; the South African News Co. ; the Rev. F. Christol ; William Crisp, Esq. ; Dr. Corstorphine ; Walter Jardine, Esq. ; the Rev. G. Kett ; Admiral Maclear ; Prof. MacOwan ; W. Perry & Co., Ltd. ; Dr. W. H. Ross ; T. L. Schreiner, Esq. ; J. Singleton, Esq. ; J. F. Sleeper, Esq. ; Dr. Studart ; Dr. Vrolik ; the Rev. J. W. Williams and W. H. Williams, Esq.

Special mention should be made of a gift of their new catalogue of printed books, by the Trustees of the British Museum, through the kindness of their Librarian (Sir E. Maunde Thompson, K.C.B.). This catalogue is the result of many years' labour, and the expenditure of many thousands of pounds. It is issued to the public for the sum of £94 net.

\* The following is the Report referred to :—

February, 1902.

GENTLEMEN,

It is satisfactory to find that the Government have in the matter of the lighting of the Library recognised it as a National Institution. But I beg leave to put before you one or two reasons, in addition to those in the present annual report, why the whole Institution should be regarded in that light.

The subject is no new one. It has been in the air for many years and has frequently been discussed in several quarters, and it is hardly overstating the case to say the project has not been seriously opposed, the only point in dispute being as to the time when such a change should be effected.

As now constituted the Library has, under one roof, to perform a three-fold function, viz., to provide a library of free admission for the inhabitants of Cape Town and the neighbourhood, to do the duties of a subscription library, and to be a Reference Library for students in all subjects. It will be evident to anyone with practical experience in library work that each of these must militate against the other two.

A few years ago, when the Library closed at 4.30 p.m. or 5.30 p.m., according to the time of year, a large number of readers, until they became subscribers, had little chance of reading a library book. But with the Institution open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., most persons can read as much as they desire without the slightest expenditure.

In these circumstances it is not surprising to find that the Library is becoming (comparatively speaking) a non-subscribers' library. During the three years 1887-1889 the annual average number of readers was 25,830 and the average annual subscription £358. During the three years 1897-1899 (to compare years of peace) the annual average number of readers was 93,204 and the average annual subscription was £678 6s. From these figures it will be seen that while the annual average attendance has nearly quadrupled, the annual average subscription has not doubled. And there is every reason to believe that this disparity will increase as time goes on.

Further, the conditions of Cape Town are altering. Within very recent years the Library was surrounded by streets of dwelling houses. These are being rapidly turned into warehouses, stores and shops, and the inhabitants have gone to live either in distant parts of the city or in the suburbs, where libraries have already been established.

Leaving out of consideration the magazine and newsrooms to which only subscribers can claim admittance, these suburban libraries have a two-fold duty to perform, viz., that of providing a library of free admission and of acting as a subscription library. In practice they will be found to be principally doing the latter duty, and as, up to £100, they are subsidised by Government on the pound for pound principle, they can perform their work at less cost to the subscriber than an institution where the subscription part is not subsidised in the same proportion. These libraries are open at such hours as suit the wants of the locality, and seem to give satisfaction to the majority of the residents who use them.

The growth of Cape Town has increased the need for the establishment of similar libraries in its various districts, at Green Point and at Sea Point.

I feel confident that the educational value of such institutions, by bringing books, etc., within easy reach of the people, would be very great. One such library was established at the Docks in 1887 and has been a great success.

Freed from duties which can be more cheaply performed by smaller libraries, this Institution would then become the National Library and would be able to spend its income and energies in providing increased facilities for real students, and in supplying some of the deficiencies of the suburban libraries. The chief complaint against the latter is that no provision is or can be made for the more serious readers. But with such a change as is here indicated there would be no difficulty in devising a scheme by which the great majority of our books could be placed at the disposal of a reader in the library of the suburb in which he resides.

F. S. LEWIS.



# South African Public Library.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended December 31, 1901.

### RECEIPTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
To SUBSCRIPTIONS .. .. .	758	1	6
.. TOWN COUNCIL GRANT .. .. .	350	0	0
.. PARLIAMETARY GRANT (GENERAL) ..	1,050	0	0
.. THE DESSINIAN TRUST—			
Yearly Interest .. .. .	4	10	0
.. AMOUNT FOR PUBLICATION OF MONTHLY LISTS			
OF BOOKS .. .. .	21	0	0
.. RENT .. .. .	108	0	0
.. FINES .. .. .	2	10	6
.. INTEREST *—			
Total Amount received on Investments ..	322	0	0
	<u>£2,616</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

### EXPENDITURE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By CHARGES—						
Salaries and Allowances ..	1,629	15	6			
Printing, Advertisements, &c. ..	162	11	5			
Electric Light * .. .. .	171	13	7			
Auditing .. .. .	10	10	0			
Fire Insurance .. .. .	20	0	0			
				1,994	10	6
.. BOOKS (GENERAL ACCOUNT)—						
Books Bought .. .. .	295	17	0			
Binding, &c. .. .. .	2	12	9			
				298	9	9
.. INTEREST CREDITED—						
Reference Library Account ..	71	13	8			
Willem Hiddingh Bequest ..	71	17	0			
				143	10	8
.. BALANCE .. .. .				179	11	1
				<u>£2,616</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

To Amount drawn from Reference Library Book Fund .. .. .	£1,026	9	4
.. Amount drawn from Library Extension Fund	£290	12	4
.. Deposits received .. .. .	£123	15	0
.. Balance Debited Deposit a/c .. .. .	3	10	0
	<u>£127</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

By Books Bought for Reference Library during the Year .. .. .	£1,026	9	4
.. Book Cases, &c., supplied during the Year ..	£290	12	
.. Deposits returned .. .. .	£127	5	0

\* The above Credit for Interest is for a period of more than Twelve Months owing to the adjustment of Interest a/c under the new form of Accounts adopted.

\* The above Charge for Electric Lighting is for the Six Months ended 30th June, 1901.

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
H. R. HORNE,  
O'FLAHERTY, GRANT & CO., } Auditors.

## STATEMENT OF FUNDS 31st December, 1901.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from last year .. .. .				14	0	7
.. ENDOWMENT FUND .. .. .				3,006	18	10
.. DEPOSITS ACCOUNT—						
1901						
Jan. 1.—Balance in hand ..	462	5	0			
Received and paid during the year on Balance	3	10	0			
				458	15	0
.. LIBRARY EXTENSION FUND .. .. .				857	2	7
.. REFERENCE LIBRARY BOOK FUND .. .. .				530	12	7
.. WILLEM HIDDINGH BEQUEST .. .. .				1,029	15	4
.. BALANCE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE as per Statement .. .. .				179	11	1
				<u>£6,076</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By INVESTMENTS—						
Municipal Debentures .. .. .	3,000	0	0			
Mortgage Bonds .. .. .	1,900	0	0			
				4,900	0	0
.. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK .. .. .				939	2	3
.. WM. GEORGE'S SONS, BRISTOL .. .. .				105	6	0
.. STANDARD BANK—						
LONDON .. .. .	110	11	1			
CAPE TOWN .. .. .	16	0	5			
				126	11	6
.. PETTY CASH .. .. .				5	16	3
				<u>£6,076</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

We have compared the above statement with the Books and Vouchers and have found same to be correct.

Cape Town,  
12th March, 1902.

O'FLAHERTY, GRANT & CO., } Auditors  
H. R. HORNE,





# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ended December 31st, 1902.

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*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st., 1902.*

### NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR:—

REV. J. CAMERON, B.A., LL.D.  
(for whom MR. T. BALL, C.M.G., acted).  
THOMAS MUIR, LL.D., F.R.S.  
MR. ADVOCATE MACGREGOR, M.A.  
HON. J. X. MERRIMAN, M.L.A.

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Chairman.  
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W. THORNE, Mayor of Cape Town.

### LIBRARIAN:—

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

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In presenting their report for the Year 1902, the Trustees of the South African Public Library have pleasure in stating that with the exception of Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Coronation Day, and June 26th, the date originally fixed for the Coronation, the Library has been open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., making 309 days in all.

It is still impossible to determine the real advantage the continuous opening has been to the permanent inhabitants of Cape Town and the neighbourhood, as during the war, which lasted during the whole of 1900, 1901 and parts of 1899 and 1902, the Institution was largely used by the refugees from the neighbouring territories.

How far these affected the Library, may in some measure be learned by a comparison of the amount of deposits received and returned during the four years 1899-1902 and the amount of those received and returned during the four years immediately preceding the war. During the period 1895-1898 the amount received from deposits was £372 10s., and that returned £240 10s. During the years 1899-1902 the deposits

received amounted to £549 10s., and those returned to £421 10s. From these figures it is found that during the former period 755 new subscribers joined and 481 withdrew while during the latter period 1099 new subscribers joined and 843 withdrew. This calculation takes no account of the very large number of readers who availed themselves of the privileges of the Institution extended to non-subscribers.

At the conclusion of the war most of the readers and subscribers from the Transvaal and the Orange River Colonies returned to their homes.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1901 and 1902.

	1901	1902
Religion ... ..	818	1,239
Philosophy ... ..	469	491
Society ... ..	1,073	1,888
History and Travels ... ..	4,566	5,576
Science ... ..	1,597	1,901
Art ... ..	1,822	3,465
Literature and philology ... ..	3,175	4,563
Fiction ... ..	21,384	20,105
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	778	1,480
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	8,465	5,266
	<hr/> 44,147	<hr/> 45,974

These figures give the total number of books issued to subscribers and also to non-subscribers, and thus show the work which is being performed in this direction; but they are no indication of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, which are, almost without intermission, being consulted, nor do they take any account of the stream of readers who daily peruse the table copies of the current periodicals and reviews.

There has been during the year, a perceptible increase in the number of readers who spend a large portion of each day in the perusal of works difficult to obtain outside the institution. It is all the more necessary therefore that everyone entering the Library should observe most carefully the notice in regard to the preservation of silence.

The Trustees regret to have to report that there has been during the year a considerable amount of theft and mutilation of the magazines and reviews lying on the tables in the Reading Room.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc. :—

	1901	1902
Total Number of Subscribers on December 31st	671	602
Number of Annual Subscribers on December 31st	516	498
Amount received from Subscriptions ...	£758/1/6	£709/10/6
Total Number of Readers and Visitors ...	98,155	98,738
Daily Average ... ..	318	319

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including magazines) were :—

	1901	1902
Religion ... ..	123	94
Philosophy ... ..	53	32
Society ... ..	236	207
History and Travels ... ..	579	650
Science ... ..	216	233
Arts ... ..	279	210
Literature and Philology ... ..	655	342
Fiction ... ..	396	400
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	183	76
	<hr/> 2,720	<hr/> 2,244
Total ... ..		

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Imperial Government ; the Colonial Government ; the Natal Government ; the United States Government ; the Canadian Government ; the Royal Colonial Institute ; the Royal Society ; the Royal Astronomical Society ; the Royal Dublin Society ; the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science ; the Smithsonian Institution ; the British Columbia Board of Trade ; the New Zealand Institute ; the Government of Queensland ; the Government of New South Wales ; the Trustees of the British Museum ; the Royal Academy of Arts ; the Transvaal Administration ; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines ; the Norwegian North Atlantic Expedition ; the South African Philosophical Society ; the Committee of Council on Education, England ; the Public Library of Victoria ; the University of Edinburgh ; the South African College Council ; the Corporation of the City of Cape Town ; the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce ; the Trustees of the South African Museum ; the Corporation of Kimberley ; the "Cape Mercury" Office, King William's Town ; the Good Hope Society ; H. M. Astronomer at the Cape ; the Newcastle on Tyne Public Library ; the Bishop of St. John's ; the Superintendent-General of Education ; I. R. R. Baker, Esq. ; P. Barr, Esq. ; W. T. Black, Esq. ; E. Digby, Esq. ; Lady Florence Dixie ; Dr. Fawcett ; Dr. Hahn ; Mark Henderson, Esq. ; H. C. V. Leibbrandt, Esq. ; Mrs. Frida Mond ; W. Perry & Co., Dr. W. H. Ross ; Dr. J. H. Saunders ; T. L. Schreiner, Esq. ; W. L. Selater, Esq. ; F. C. Silberbauer, Esq. ; Dr. Vrolik and J. Young, Esq.

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# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ended December 31st, 1903.

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*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st, 1903.*

**NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR:—**

T. BALL, Esq., C.M.G.  
Hon. J. H. HOFMEYR.  
Hon. J. X. MERRIMAN.  
THOMAS MUTR, LL.D., F.R.S.

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HARRY BOLUS, D. Sc.  
Ven. ARCHDEACON LIGHTFOOT, B.D., Chairman.  
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Hon. SIR E. J. BUCHANAN Vice-Chancellor of the University.  
W. THORNE, Mayor of Cape Town.

**LIBRARIAN:—**

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

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In presenting their Report for the year 1903, the Trustees are pleased to be able to state that the work of the Library has resumed the condition it was in before the outbreak of the war in 1899

During the year the institution was open continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday excepted), making 311 days in all.

In the course of the year it was discovered that the foundation of that part of the building near the Government Avenue was sinking, and that, in consequence, the structure was in danger. The Public Works Department have given their attention to the matter, and that portion of the Library has been considerably strengthened. The Grey Collection had to be closed to the public whilst this work was in progress, and will still be closed until the room has been refitted in keeping with the other bookcases. It cannot be restored exactly to its former state, as the strengthening of the building necessitated some slight structural alterations.

Considerable progress has been made in the compilation of a key to the classification of the books in the Library, which should prove useful to students of general subjects. The issue of subject catalogues is so expensive as to be beyond the means of this institution, and, moreover, such catalogues begin to be out of date as soon as they are out of the printer's hands, but the value of this key (to be published in 1904) will be permanent

A card catalogue giving the fullest bibliographical information has been in use in the Library for the use of the staff and general students for the last twelve years. In 1903, a card catalogue, giving less detailed information was begun for the use of general readers. At present it only includes the books acquired by the Library during the last two years; but it will gradually embrace all the contents of the Library, and concurrently, a minute subject catalogue will be compiled.

It is a matter of regret that already there are signs that readers do not handle this catalogue with the care that the cards require.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1902 and 1903.

	1902	1903
Religion ... ..	1,239	1,241
Philosophy ... ..	491	591
Society ... ..	1,888	1,412
History and Travels ... ..	5,576	5 040
Science ... ..	1,901	1,840
Art ... ..	3,465	2,946
Literature and Philology ... ..	4,563	4,289
Fiction ... ..	20,105	20,299
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	1,480	1,068
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	5,266	5,051
	<hr/> 45 974	<hr/> 43,777

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, whether subscribers or non-subscribers, but they do not represent the use made of the reference books on the open shelves, which are constantly consulted, but of which no record is kept.

The Trustees regret that they have again to report that there has been a considerable amount of theft and mutilation of the magazines and reviews lying on the tables in the Reading Room.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, Readers, etc. :—

	1902	1903
Total Number of Subscribers on December 31st	602	576
Number of full Annual Subscribers ...	392	390
Amount received from Subscriptions ...	£709 10/6	£655/12/6
Total Number of Readers and Visitors ...	98 738	90,982
Daily Average ... ..	319	293

The Trustees have endeavoured to make July 1st the day when all subscriptions shall become due. The custom has hitherto been for each subscription to be renewed on the day of the year the subscriber made the first payment. During this year, however, the *pro rata* amount to June 30th has only been asked for, and consequently, there is an apparent decline in the amount received from subscriptions.

The accessions of Books by purchase as well as gift (not including magazines) were :—

	1902	1903
Religion ... ..	94	93
Philosophy ... ..	32	33
Society ... ..	207	244
History and Travels ... ..	650	447
Science ... ..	233	272
Arts ... ..	210	191
Literature and Philology ... ..	342	279
Fiction ... ..	400	462
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	76	139
Total ... ..	<hr/> 2,244	<hr/> 2,160

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government; the Natal Government; the United States Government; the Canadian Government; the Queensland Government; the Brazilian Government; the Royal Colonial Institute; the Royal Society; the Royal Astronomical Society; the Royal Dublin Society; the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science and University of Munich; the Smithsonian Institution; the S.A. Geological Commission; the New Zealand Institute; the South African Philosophical Society; the Committee of Council on Education, England; the Trustees of the British Museum; Transvaal Administration; Transvaal Chamber of Mines; the Trustees of the Art Gallery, H.M. Astronomer at the Cape; the Royal Irish Academy; the Royal Society of Canada; the Royal Historical Society; Edinburgh University; British Museum; Glasgow University; the Committee of the Albany Museum; the Royal Geographical Society; the Peabody Institute, Baltimore; the London Library; Guy's Hospital; the Bishop of St. John's, Kaffraria; E.P.B.; Messrs T. Cook & Sons; Rev. D. P. Faure; Dr. G. Gilchrist; E. W. Hope, Esq., M.D.; W. Kitch, Esq.; J. M. Leask, Esq.; Miss Lloyd; Rev. Dr. Macarthy; P. MacOwan, Esq.; C. B. Martin, Esq.; Dr. W. H. Ross; W. L. Selater, Esq.; J. Shlager, Esq.; Goldwin Smith, Esq.; Rt. Hon. Sir Gordon Sprigg; H. W. Woodward, Esq.; Sir F. Young.

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South African Public Library.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the year ended December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
	£	s.	d.
To SUBSCRIPTIONS .. .. .	654	13	2
" TOWN COUNCIL GRANT .. .. .	350	0	
" PARLIAMENTARY GRANT (GENERAL) .. .. .	1,050	0	0
" THE DESSINIAN TRUST			
Yearly Interest .. .. .	4	10	0
" RENT .. .. .	150	0	0
" FINES AND DISCOUNT .. .. .	1	1	11
" INTEREST—			
Total amount received on Investments	274	6	9
	<u>£2,484</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
 To Amount drawn from Reference Library Book Fund .. .. .			
	391	13	6
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
" Deposits received .. .. .	103	5	0
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

EXPENDITURE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
	£	s.	d.
By CHARGES—			
Salaries and Allowances ..	1,527	14	2
Printing, Petty Cash, &c. ..	121	7	4
Auditing .. .. .	10	10	0
Fire Insurance .. .. .	75	0	0
	<u>                </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
		1,734	11 6
" BOOKS (GENERAL ACCOUNT)—			
Books Bought .. .. .	270	3	3
Binding, &c .. .. .	27	1	0
	<u>                </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
		297	4 3
" INTEREST CREDITED—			
Reference Library Account ..	17	18	0
Willem Hiddingh Bequest ..	43	0	0
	<u>                </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
		60	18 0
" Balance .. .. .			
		391	18 1
	<u>                </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
		<u>£2,484</u>	<u>11 10</u>
 By Books Bought for Reference Library during the year .. .. .			
		391	13 6
" Deposits returned .. .. .	78	5	0
" Balance Credited Deposit a/c ..	25	0	0
	<u>                </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
		103	5 0
	<u>                </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
H. R. HORNE,  
O'FLAHERTY, GRANT & CO., } Auditors.

## STATEMENT OF FUNDS 31st December, 1903.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To ENDOWMENT FUND ..				3,020	19	5	BY INVESTMENTS—						
„ DEPOSITS ACCOUNT—							Municipal Debentures ..	3,000	0	0			
1903.							Mortgage Bonds ..	1,500	0	0			
Jan. 1. Balance in hand ..	465	15	0				Standard Bank Fixed Deposit ..	1,500	0	0	6 000	0	0
Received and paid during the year on Balance ..	25	0	0				„ WM. GEORGE'S SONS, BRISTOL ..				64	6	6
				490	15	0	„ STANDARD BANK ..						
„ LIBRARY EXTENSION FUND ..				697	18	7	London ..	20	18	9			
„ REFERENCE LIBRARY BOOK FUND ..				509	10	5	Cape Town ..	618	14	9			
„ WILLEM HIDDINGH BEQUEST ..				1,119	2	4					639	13	6
„ BALANCE brought forward from last year ..				608	9	3	„ PETTY CASH ..				10	18	1
„ BALANCE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE as per Statement ..				391	18	1	„ INTEREST DUE 31ST DECEMBER, 1903 ..				123	15	0
				£6,838	13	1					£6,838	13	1

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon Treasurer.

We have compared the above statement with the Books and Vouchers, and have found same to be correct.

H. R. HORNE,  
O'FLAHERTY, GRANT & CO., } Auditors.

Cape Town,  
20th February, 1904.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ended December 31st, 1904.

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*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31, 1904.*

### NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR:—

THOMAS BALL, C.M.G.  
Hon. J. H. HOFMEYR.  
Hon. J. X. MERRIMAN.  
THOMAS MUIR, LL D., F.R.S.

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HARRY BOLUS, D.Sc.  
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J. E. WATERSTON, M.D.

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:—

Hon. SIR E. J. BUCHANAN, Vice-Chancellor of the University (Chairman).  
H. LIBERMAN, Mayor of Cape Town.

### LIBRARIAN:—

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

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In presenting their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1904, the Trustees of the South African Public Library have to say that the Institution was open continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sundays and Good Friday excepted) making 313 days in all.

The Trustees in their report for the year 1903 stated that the foundation of that part of the building near Government Avenue was sinking, that in consequence the structure was in danger, and that the Grey Collection had to be closed to the public. Attention to the matter was given by the Public Works Department, and the building was considerably strengthened. Upon the completion of this work the Grey Collection was restored to almost its original condition and was again opened to the public.

Professor Henderson, of Adelaide University, South Australia who is preparing material for a life of Sir George Grey, spent the early part of the year in South Africa, and during his stay examined all the MSS. in the Collection from which information for the biography might be obtained.

The Trustees deplore the loss of the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, who had been Chairman of the Board since 1893. At the first meeting after his death the following resolution was passed :

“That this Board records its sense of the great loss the institution has sustained in the death of the late Chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon Lightfoot, and desires to express its deep sympathy with his widow and family, and its admiration of the public and private virtues of the deceased.”

At the same meeting the Hon. Sir E. J. Buchanan was elected to the vacant Chairmanship.

Whatever time could be spared from the necessary work of the Library has been devoted to the preparation of the new Card Catalogue (both alphabetical and subject), and very fair progress has been made. A subject index to the system of classification was completed early in the year, and has proved of considerable use to the frequenters of the Institution.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1903 and 1904:—

	1903	1904
Religion ... ..	1,241	1,601
Philosophy ... ..	591	741
Society ... ..	1,412	1,846
History and Travels ... ..	5,040	6,785
Science ... ..	1,840	1,859
Art ... ..	2,946	3,502
Literature and Philology ... ..	4,289	4,283
Fiction ... ..	20,299	20,455
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	1,068	948
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	5,051	4,502
	<hr/> 43,777	<hr/> 46,522

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, but they take no account of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, of which no record is kept.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, the Readers during the year, &c.

	1903	1904
Total number of Subscribers on December 31st	576	552
Number of full Annual Subscribers ...	390	383
Amount received from Subscriptions ...	£655/12/6	£659/2/0
Total number of Readers ...	90,892	83,987
Daily Average ... ..	293	268

The accessions by purchase as well as by gift (not including magazines and reviews) were:—

Religion ... ..	93	119
Philosophy ... ..	33	34
Society ... ..	244	265
History and Travels ... ..	447	460
Science ... ..	272	136
Art ... ..	191	173
Literature and Philology ... ..	279	340
Fiction ... ..	462	489
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	139	107
	<hr/> 2,160	<hr/> 2,123

Which makes a total of about 84,000 in the Library.

The Trustees regret to state that the sum of £500 usually voted by Parliament for Works of Reference was not placed on the Estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1905, and they deplore the fact that the Public Library has escaped the notice of wealthy benefactors.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, the Natal Government, the United States Government; the Canadian Government; the New Zealand Government; the Royal Colonial Institute; the Royal Society; the Royal Astronomical Society; the Royal Dublin Society; the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science and University of Munich; the Smithsonian Institution; the S. A. Geological Commission; the New Zealand Institute; the S. A. Philosophical Society; the Committee of Council on Education, England; the Trustees of the British Museum; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines; the Royal Irish Academy; the Royal Society of Canada; Edinburgh University; the Committee of the Albany Museum; Guy's Hospital; the S. A. Museum; the S. A. College Council; Bibliothèque Nationale de Rio de Janeiro; the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Caledon Baths, Ltd.; London Missionary Society; the Bankers' Institute of S. Africa; the University of Toronto, Canada; the Royal Engineers' Institute; the Royal Observatory, Greenwich; Imperial Library, Calcutta; Public Library, Victoria; the Union Castle Company; the Rhodesian Railways, Ltd.; the Society of Accountants and Auditors; Graadmaalings-Kommission, Norway; the Chief Secretary of State of Tasmania; the Editor of "Buddhism," Burma; the Superintendent General of Education; H. M. Astronomer at the Cape; the Bishop of St. John's, Kaffraria. H. E. S. Fremantle, G. Gilchrist, Mrs. Henchman, Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Late Hon. C. H. Hutton, the late Walter Jardine, J. H. M. Kock, Dr. F. C. Kolbe, W. McDonald, Transvaal; Dr. McOwan, John Macqueen, C. B. Martin, Lady Meux, John Parker, A. da C. Ricci, C. F. Silberbauer, J. Walsh & Sons, Tasmania; W. Wessels, James White, Canada; and Thos. Winship.



South African Public Library.

STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the year ended December 31st, 1904.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions .. .. .	659	2	0	By Charges—			
„ Town Council Grant .. .. .	350	0	0	Salaries and Allowances (including Special Bonus)	1,690	17	0
„ Parliamentary Grant (General and Special Bonus) .. .. .	1,245	16	8	Printing, Advertising, Petty Cash, etc. .. .. .	148	2	6
„ The Dessinian Trust—				Auditing .. .. .	10	10	0
Yearly Interest .. .. .	4	10	0	Fire Insurance .. .. .	75	0	0
„ Rent .. .. .	150	0	0		<hr/>		1,924 9 6
„ Fines .. .. .	0	15	6	„ Books (General Account)—			
„ Interest—				Books Bought .. .. .			416 0 5
Total amount received on Investments	250	15	0	„ Interest Credited—			
„ Amount drawn from Reference Library				Reference Library Account	17	3	6
Book Fund .. .. .	657	4	0	Willem Hiddingh Bequest	47	0	0
„ Deposits received .. .. .	86	15	0		<hr/>		64 3 6
				„ Books Bought for Reference Library during the year			657 4 0
				„ Deposit Account			
				Deposits returned .. .. .	74	0	0
				Balance credited Deposit Account .. .. .	12	15	0
					<hr/>		86 15 0
				„ Balance .. .. .			256 5 9
							<hr/>
	£3,404	18	2				£3,404 18

Audited and found correct.

HENRY BEARD.

*Hon Treasurer.*

GRANT, GRANT & CO., *Auditors.*

CAPE TOWN, 7TH MARCH, 1905.

STATEMENT of BALANCES, 31st December, 1904.

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We have compared the above Statement with the Library Books, and have found same to be correct.

HENRY BEARD,

Mon. Treasurer.

GRANT, GRANT & CO., *Auditors.*

CAPE TOWN, 7TH MARCH, 1905.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library.

CAPE TOWN,

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Hon. J. X. MERRIMAN.  
Hon. Sir J. E. BUCHANAN (*Chairman*) acting for  
DR. MUIR.

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### LIBRARIAN:—

F. S. LEWIS, M.A.

In presenting their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1905, the Trustees of the South African Public Library have to say that the Institution was open continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday excepted) making 310 days in all.

During the year the Hon. Sir J. E. Buchanan's term of office as Vice Chancellor of the University expired, and he was co-opted to serve on the Board during the absence from the Colony of Dr. Muir. For this service the Trustees desire to render him their sincere thanks.

Although the financial depression has been felt by the Institution, and has been the cause of the removal of some of the oldest Subscribers, the number of readers and the circulation of books have increased.

The Trustees regret that they have again to complain of mutilation and theft of magazines in the Reading Room. From the open access cases, three works were stolen within a few days of their being

placed on the shelves. These were Juta's Cape Town Directory, Donaldson and Hill's Western Province Directory, and Kilpin's Civil Service List. The first was sold by the thief, but returned by the purchaser as soon as he observed the Library stamp; of the other two nothing has been heard.

As much time as could be spared from the necessary routine work of the Library has been spent on the new Alphabetical and Subject Card Catalogue.

The Trustees are glad to notice that the Town Council has taken steps by which the advantages of a Newspaper Reading Room will shortly be available for the inhabitants of Cape Town.

Towards the end of the year the Rev. H. W. Williams, M.A., Gisborne, New Zealand, visited the Grey Library and examined the unique collection of Books and Manuscripts upon the Maori Language and Literature.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1904 and 1905:—

	1904	1905.
Religion ... ..	1,601	1,841
Philosophy ... ..	741	722
Society ... ..	1,846	2,373
History and Travels ... ..	6,785	6,518
Science ... ..	1,859	1,744
Art ... ..	3,502	3,001
Literature and Philology ... ..	4,283	4,698
Fiction ... ..	20,445	22,393
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	948	1,179
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	4,502	5,413
	<hr/> 46,522	<hr/> 49,882

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, but they take no account of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, the magazines in the Reading Room, and the new books.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, the Readers during the year, &c.:—

	1904	1905
Total number of Subscribers on December 31st	552	527
Number of full Annual Subscribers ... ..	383	378
Amount received from Subscriptions ... ..	£659/2/0	£618/9/2
Total number of Readers ... ..	83,987	96,416
Daily Average ... ..	268	310

The accessions by purchase as well as by gift (not including magazines and reviews) were:—

	1904	1905
Religion ... ..	119	186
Philosophy... ..	34	34
Society ... ..	265	121
History and Travels ... ..	460	616
Science ... ..	136	157
Art ... ..	173	182
Literature and Philology ... ..	340	471
Fiction ... ..	489	387
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	107	128
	<hr/> 2,123	<hr/> 2,282

The Library now contains about 89,000 volumes.

The Trustees regret to state that the sum of £500 usually voted by Parliament for Works of Reference was not placed on the Estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1906, and they deplore the fact that the Public Library has escaped the notice of wealthy benefactors.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, to the Governments of Natal, the Transvaal, Canada, Tasmania and the United States; to the Royal Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science and the University of Munich; to the Universities of the Cape of Good Hope, Dublin, Edinburgh and Glasgow; to the Royal Colonial Institute, the Smithsonian Institute, the Committee of Council of Education (England), South African Science Association, Guy's Hospital, the Albany Museum, the Libraries of Liverpool, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago (Chili), the Corporation of the City of Cape Town, the Chambers of Commerce of Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London, the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, Transvaal Technical Institute and the South African Institute of Bankers; to His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. J. X. Merriman, Sir David Gill, Sir John Graham, Sir William Willecocks, the Bishop of St. John's, Canon Crisp, Rev. H. M. Woods, Drs. Gilchrist and MacOwan, Admiral Maclear, Miss Lloyd; to Messrs. A. W. Bailey, C. Cowen, H. Elffers, D. Goldblatt, E. Jacottet, A. E. Jenks, J. C. MacGregor, W. A. Russell, W. L. Sclater, C. F. Silberbauer, W. J. Timewell, P. Turnbull, A. Viner and M. L. Wessells; and to Messrs. Gilchrist & Powell, and Messrs. Dennis Edwards & Co.

The financial statement will be submitted at the annual meeting and afterwards circulated.





# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN,

For the Year ended December 31st, 1906.

*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st, 1906.*

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DR. MUIR, LL.D., F.R.S. (*Chairman*).

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In presenting their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1906, the Trustees of the South African Public Library have to say that the Institution was open continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday excepted), making 311 days in all.

The prevailing financial depression continues to be felt by the Institution. There has been a loss of a few of the Annual Subscribers, but a noticeable feature is the decline in the number of visitors to Cape Town. This may be seen by comparing the amount of deposits received and deposits returned in the various years. In 1901 the deposits received amounted to £180, and those returned £127 5s. In 1906 the corresponding sums were £73 10s. and £62 10s. respectively.

The increase in the number of books has caused congestion in some parts of the Library, and the Trustees have fitted up shelves in one of the rooms in the part formerly occupied by the Museum. These shelves will accommodate about 2,000 volumes, and will afford temporary relief.

A card catalogue for the novels was completed and put into use during the year, and satisfactory progress is being made with that for the other portion of the Library.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1905 and 1906 :—

	1905.	1906.
Religion ... ..	1,841	2,284
Philosophy ... ..	722	705
Society ... ..	2,373	1,800
History and Travels ... ..	6,518	6,654
Science ... ..	1,744	1,495
Art ... ..	3,001	3,164
Literature and Philology ... ..	4,698	4,738
Fiction ... ..	22,393	20,642
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	1,179	1,070
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	5,413	5,153
	<hr/> 49,882	<hr/> 47,705

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, but they take no account of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, the magazines in the Reading Room, and the new books, to which all readers have access. It will be noticed that the small decline in the number of books read is due to the fact that fewer novels and magazines have been borrowed; the more serious reading remains about the same as last year.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, the Readers during the year, &c. :—

	1905.	1906.
Total number of Subscribers on December 31st	527	496
Number of full Annual Subscribers ... ..	378	360
Amount received from Subscriptions ... ..	£618/9/2	£581/2/6
Total number of Readers ... ..	96,416	90,886
Daily Average ... ..	310	293

The decrease in the number of readers may be due to the opening of the Reading Room in the Old Town House.

The accessions by purchase as well as by gift (not including magazines and reviews) were :—

	1905.	1906.
Religion ... ..	186	86
Philosophy ... ..	34	26
Society ... ..	121	250
History and Travels ... ..	616	412
Science ... ..	157	166
Art ... ..	182	188
Literature and Philosophy ... ..	471	223
Fiction ... ..	387	403
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	128	65
	<hr/> 2,282	<hr/> 1,819

The Library now contains about 90,000 volumes, not reckoning unbound pamphlets and magazines.

The Trustees regret to state that the sum of £500, usually voted by Parliament for Works of Reference, has not been placed on the Estimates for the last three years; and, further, that the Government Grant for this year has been reduced by £200. This has caused a considerable strain on the finances of the Institution, and, in order to reduce expenditure, the Trustees, on the resignation of one of the senior assistants, did not appoint another to the position.

The usual accounts are appended, and they, taken in conjunction with the printed list of Subscribers which has been issued, disclose a lack of support on the part of the general public, which is not a satisfactory sign of the times.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, to the Governments of Natal, Rhodesia, the Transvaal, Brazil, Canada, New South Wales, New Zealand, Tasmania, the United States, and Victoria; to the Royal Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science, and the University of Munich; the British Association for the Advancement of Science; to the Universities of the Cape of Good Hope, Aberdeen, Dublin, Edinburgh, and Glasgow; to the Royal Colonial Institute, the Smithsonian Institute, the Committee of Council of Education (England), the South African Science Association; the American Philological Association, Guy's Hospital, the British Museum, the S.A. Museum, the Albany Museum; the Libraries of the City of Westminster, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago (Chile), Johannesburg, and Port Elizabeth; the Corporation of the City of Cape Town; the Chambers of Commerce of Cape Town and Port Elizabeth; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, Transvaal Technical Institute, and the South African Institute of Bankers; the Cape Government Railways; the Union-Castle S.S. Co.; H.M. Astronomer, Cape of Good Hope; the Transvaal University College, the S.A. College, and the Rhodes University College; the Trustees of the late James Young, of Kelly; the Hon. J. X. Merriman, the Bishop of St. John's, Admiral Maclear, Colonel Mackenzie, R.E., Dr. C. B. Plowright, Dr. T. Muir, Dr. Theal, Mrs. F. Eland, Miss Maclear, Miss Thorn; to Messrs. J. Potter Briscoe, W. A. Coats, Charles Cowen, A. C. van der Hoop, E. F. Kilpin, J. F. van Oordt, C. F. Silberbauer, J. H. H. de Waal, Herbert W. Williams, Rev. M. H. M. Wood; and to Messrs. T. Cook & Sons and Messrs. Gilchrist and Powell.



South African Public Library.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended December 31st, 1906.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions .. .. .	581	2	6	By Charges:			
" Town Council Grant .. ..	350	0	0	Salaries and Allowances ...	1,514	0	0
" Parliamentary Grant .. ..	1,166	13	4	Cleaners and Messengers'			
" The Dessinian Trust :				Wages .. .. .	97	6	6
Yearly Interest .. .. .	4	10	0	Stationery, Advertising,			
" Interest :				Petty Cash, etc. .. .. .	126	0	3
Total Amount accrued for the Year on				Auditing .. .. .	10	10	0
Investments .. .. .	274	2	0	Insurance .. .. .	82	10	0
" Amount drawn from Willem Hiddingh							1,830 6 9
Bequest .. .. .	353	11	4	" Books (General Account) ..			299 15 5
" Deposits Received .. .. .	73	15	0	" bought for Willem			
				Hiddingh Collection .. .. .			353 11 4
				" Interest Credited :			
				To Willem Hiddingh Be-			
				quest .. .. .			37 9 2
				" Deposits Account :			
				Deposits Returned .. .. .	62	10	0
				Balance Credited Deposit			
				Account .. .. .	11	5	0
							73 15 0
				" Balance .. .. .			208 16 6
							£2,803 14 2
							£2,803 14 2

Audited and found correct.

P. C. GRANT, Incorporated Accountant.  
P. TRUTER.

HENRY BEARD, Hon. Treasurer.

Cape Town,

26th February, 1907.

Statement of Balances, 31st December, 1906.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Endowment Fund ..				3,020	19	5						
„ Deposits Account, 1906—												
January 1st, Balance in hand	519	0	0									
Received and paid during												
year on balance ..	11	5	0									
				530	5	0						
„ Library Extension Fund ..				567	17	10						
„ Willem Hiddingh Bequest ..				495	5	5						
„ Due to Petty Cash Account ..				1	5	2						
„ Balance brought forward from last year ..	1,224	8	5									
„ Balance of Income and Expenditure ..	208	16	6									
				£6,048	17	9						
By Investments—												
Mortgage Bonds ..	5,050	0	0									
Standard Bank Fixed												
Deposit ..	800	0	0									
							5,850	0	0			
„ Standard Bank, Cape Town ..							142	17	9			
„ Interest due 31st December, 1906 ..							56	0	0			
							£6,048	17	9			

HENRY BEARD, Hon. Treasurer.

We have compared the above Statement with the Library Books, and have found same to be correct.

Cape Town,

26th February, 1907.

P. C. GRANT, Incorporated Accountant.  
P. TRUTER.

# REPORT

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For the Year ended December 31st, 1907.

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In presenting their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1907, the Trustees of the South African Public Library have to say that the Institution was open continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday excepted), making 311 days in all.

Although the Library still suffers from the prevailing financial depression, it is satisfactory to note that the attendance of readers and the issue of books have largely increased.

The additional shelving which the Trustees had fitted up last year has been entirely occupied, and the Board will have to consider the question of providing further accommodation.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1906 and 1907 :—

	1906.	1907.
Religion ...	2,284	2,330
Philosophy ...	705	786
Society ..	1,800	2,003
History and Travels ...	6,654	7,518
Science ...	1,495	2,044
Art ...	3,164	2,817
Literature and Philology ...	4,738	5,212
Fiction ...	20,642	21,975
Year-books and Proceedings ...	1,070	1,170
Periodicals and Reviews ...	5,153	4,920
	47,705	50,775

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, but they take no account of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, the Magazines in the Reading Room, and the new books, to which all readers have access.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, the Readers during the year, &c. :—

	1906.	1907.
Total number of Subscribers on December 31st ...	496	477
Number of full Annual Subscribers ...	360	346
Amount received from Subscriptions...	£581/2/6	£545/9/10
Total number of Readers...	90,886	96,263
Daily Average ...	293	310

The issue of books during the year is the largest in the history of the Library. It is interesting to note the increase of the work of the Institution; in 1888 the attendance was 23,435, and the issue of books 19,289; this year the attendance has been 96,263, and the number of books issued 50,775.

The accessions by purchase as well as by gift (not including magazines and reviews) were :—

	1906.	1907.
Religion ...	86	53
Philosophy ...	26	9
Society ...	250	76
History and Travels ...	412	244
Science ...	166	84
Art ...	188	29
Literature and Philosophy ...	223	125
Fiction ...	403	385
Year-books and Proceedings ...	65	80
	1,819	1,085

The Library now contains about 90,000 volumes, not reckoning unbound pamphlets and magazines.

The Trustees regret to state that the sum of £500, usually voted by Parliament for Works of Reference, has not been placed on the Estimates for the last four years; and, further, that the Government Grant for two years has been reduced by £200. This has caused a considerable strain on the finances of the Institution, and, in order to curtail expenditure, the Trustees regret that it has again been necessary to reduce the staff.

The usual accounts are appended, and they, taken in conjunction with the printed list of Subscribers which has been issued, disclose a lack of support on the part of the general public, notwithstanding the fact that the subscription to this great Library is only £1 per annum.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, to the Governments of Natal, Rhodesia, the Transvaal, Canada, New Zealand, Tasmania, the United States and Victoria; to the Royal Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science, and the University of Munich; the British Association for the Advancement of Science; to the Universities of the Cape of Good Hope, Aberdeen, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Madras; to the Royal Colonial Institute, the New Zealand Institute; the Smithsonian Institute, the Committee of Council of Education (England); the S. A. Science Association, the S.A. Philosophical Society, the Natal Society, Guy's Hospital, the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, the British Museum, the S.A. Museum, and the Albany Museum; the Library of Congress, and the Libraries of Rio de Janeiro, Santiago (Chili); the Corporation of the City of Cape Town; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines; the S.A. Institute of Bankers, the S.A. Church Council, the Cape Government Railways, the S.A. College, the Rhodes University College and the Victoria College, the Volta Bureau, Washington; Customs Statistical Bureau, and the African Who's Who Publishing Co.; the Hon. J. X. Merriman, the Swedish Consul, the late Admiral and the late Miss Maclear, Dr. J. E. Waterston, Dr. T. Muir, Dr. G. M. Theal, Miss Julia Lloyd, Miss M. Wilman, A. C. Braby, John A. Chesley, F. W. Cooper, Canon Crisp, S. Y. Ford, T. Greenwood, G. Henrikson, S. M. Lewin, Major E. Lovegrove, Elias Molee, C. W. Pearsall, E. B. Sargent, W. Sharpe, W. W. Townshend, Rev. M. H. M. Wood, and to Messrs. T. Cook & Sons.



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1907.

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Audited and found correct.

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon. Treasurer

Cape Town, 11th March, 1908.

GRANT, GRANT & Co.

A. R. E. NICHOL.

I have also signed a Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments which has been rendered by the Board of Trustees to the Government in conjunction with this Statement.

A. R. E. NICHOL.

12th March, 1908.

### STATEMENT OF BALANCES, 31st December, 1907.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Endowment Fund				...	3,020	19	5					
„ Deposits Account 1907 --												
January 1st Balance												
in hand	...	530	5	0								
Received and paid												
during year on												
balance	...	6	5	0								
					536	10	0					
„ Library Extension Fund (balance)					536	17	10					
„ Willem Hiddingh Bequest												
(balance)	...				520	0	8					
„ Balance brought forward from last												
year ...	...				1,433	4	11					
„ Balance of Income and Expenditure					40	1	4					
					£6,087	14	2					
By Investments												
Mortgage Bonds	...	5,550	0	0								
Standard Bank Fixed												
Deposit	...	300	0	0								
								5,850	0	0		
„ Balance in Standard Bank	...				137	5	8					
„ Interest due 31st Dec., 1907	...				100	6	8					
„ Petty Cash	...				0	1	10					
								£6,087	14	2		

We have compared the above Statement with the Library Books and have found same to be correct. We have also examined the securities and have found same in order.

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Cape Town, 11th March, 1908.

GRANT, GRANT & Co.,  
A. R. E. NICHOL.





# REPORT

OF THE

## Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, CAPE TOWN.

For the Year ended December 31st, 1908.

*Members of the Board of Trustees of the South African Public Library, December 31st, 1908.*

### NOMINATED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR :

### ELECTED BY SUBSCRIBERS

THOMAS BALL, Esq., C.M.G.

HENRY BEARD, Esq. (*Hon. Treasurer.*)

The Hon. J. H. HOFMEYR.

HARRY BOLUS, Esq., D.Sc.

The Hon. J. X. MERRIMAN, M.L.A.

The Rev. F. C. KOLBE, D.D.

THOMAS MUIR, Esq., LL.D., F.R.S. (*Chairman*).

JANE E. WATERSTON, M.D.

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS :

The Hon. Sir C. ABERCROMBIE SMITH, M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the University.

F. W. SMITH, Esq., Mayor of Cape Town.

### ACTING LIBRARIAN :

MISS A. MACKENZIE.

In presenting their Report for the year ended 31st December 1908 the Trustees have to record with much regret the death of the Librarian, Mr. F. S. Lewis, M.A., on 2nd December. Mr. Lewis was appointed in 1887 and his loss will be severely felt by the more studious of the frequenters of the Library whom he was always anxious to help. The Trustees propose to advertise the vacancy after considering ways and means. Meanwhile they have appointed Miss A. Mackenzie, a member of the staff, Acting Librarian.

With the exception of Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and the occasion of Mr. Lewis' funeral, the Library was open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., making a total of 312 days in all.

The Trustees regret to have to report another reduction in the Government Grant and a slight decrease in the amount of subscriptions received. They take this opportunity of drawing pointed attention to the fact that the Institution is called on to serve as a national library of reference and at the same time as an ordinary subscription library for general readers, and that with the totally inadequate financial support accorded to it the interests of both classes of readers must inevitably suffer.

The following table gives the classified circulation during the years 1907 and 1908 : —

	1907.	1908.
Religion ... ..	2,330	2,287
Philosophy ... ..	786	928
Society ... ..	2,003	2,217
History and Travel ... ..	7,518	7,060
Science ... ..	2,044	2,258
Art ... ..	2,817	3,232
Literature and Philology ... ..	5,212	5,225
Fiction ... ..	21,975	21,189
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	1,170	1,423
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	4,920	4,281
	50,775	50,100

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, but they take no account of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, the Magazines in the Reading Room, and the new books, to which all readers have access.

Attention is drawn to the low percentage of fiction represented in the total circulation, showing the increasing use made of the Library for educational purposes.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, the Readers during the year, &c. :—

	1907.	1908.
Total number of Subscribers on December 31st ...	477	472
Number of full Annual Subscribers ...	346	342
Amount received from Subscriptions...	£545 9/10	£531/3/6
Total number of Readers...	96,263	100,725
Daily Average ...	310	323

During the year steady progress has been made with the printing of the card catalogue of the General Library. The letters completed and available for public use are A to H, M, R, and S.

The accessions by purchase as well as by gift (not including magazines and reviews) were :—

	1907.	1908.
Religion ...	53	31
Philosophy ...	9	15
Society ...	76	188
History and Travel ...	244	252
Science ...	84	113
Art ...	29	50
Literature and Philology...	125	151
Fiction ...	385	378
Year-books and Proceedings ..	80	73
	1,085	1,251

The Library now contains about 92,000 volumes, not reckoning unbound pamphlets and magazines.

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, to the Governments of Natal, Rhodesia, the Transvaal, Canada, India, New Zealand, Tasmania, the United States and Victoria; the Republic of Uruguay; the Province of Alberta; to the Royal Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science and the University of Munich; the British Association for the Advancement of Science; to the Universities of the Cape of Good Hope, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Chicago, Harvard and Missouri; the Hakluyt Society; the Royal Colonial Institute, the New Zealand Institute, the Smithsonian Institution, the American Philological Society, the S.A. Science Association, the S.A. Philosophical Society, the C. of G. H. Geological Commission, the Bureau of Science, Manila; C. of G. H. Branch of the British Medical Association, Guy's Hospital, the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals; the British Museum, the S.A. Museum, the Transvaal Museum, and the Albany Museum; the Library of Congress and the Libraries of Rio de Janeiro, Santiago (Chili), New York, Bulawayo, Port Elizabeth and the Westminster Public Library; the Corporation of the City of Cape Town; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, the Swaziland Mining Chamber; the British South Africa Co.; the S.A. Institute of Bankers; the Cape Government Railways; the S.A. College, the Diocesan College, the Rhodes University College, and the Victoria College; the Tonic Sol-fa College; the Customs Statistical Bureau; the C. T. Mountain Club; the Union Defence League; the City Drawing Club; the International Tract Society; the Nobel's Explosives Co.; the American Consulate-General, Cape Town; Hon. J. X. Merriman; Dr. T. Muir, Dr. A. W. Rogers, Dr. W. H. Ross, Dr. Wardlaw Thompson, Dr. J. E. Waterston, Professor J. Orr, Mrs. F. E. Garrett, Mrs. West Jones, S. G. Ashmore, A. H. H. Bell, H. Elffers, W. Fletcher, A. G. Howard, H. Griffiths, C. F. Juritz, C. W. Pearsall, G. L. Raymond, A. da Costa Ricci, C. F. Silberbauer, F. A. Smith, Rev. M. H. M. Wood, Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall & Co., Alex. Thom & Co., and T. Cook & Sons.

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions ...	531	3	6	By Charges—						
„ Town Council Grant ...	350	0	0	Salaries and Allowances ...	1,316	5	0			
„ Parliamentary Grant ...	945	0	0	Cleaners and Messenger's Wages ...	86	7	0			
„ The Dessinian Trust—				Stationery, Advertising, Petty Cash ...	117	18	8			
Yearly Interest ...	4	10	0	Auditing ...	10	10	0			
„ Interest—				Insurance ...	59	10	0			
Total amount paid and accrued for the year on Investments ...	314	11	7					1,590	10	8
„ Deposits received ...	49	15	0	„ Books ...				446	0	7
„ Fines ...	1	1	0	„ Interest Credited—						
				To Willem Hiddingh Bequest ...				27	14	8
				„ Deposits Account—						
				Deposits returned ...	47	5	0			
				Balance Credited Deposit Account ...	2	10	0			
								49	15	0
				„ Balance ...				82	0	2
	£2,196	1	1					£2,196	1	1

Audited and found correct.

HENRY BEARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

GRANT, GRANT & CO

Cape Town, 9th February, 1909.

J. R. HARTSHORNE.

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES, 31st December, 1908.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Endowment Fund ...	3,020	19	5	By Investments —						
„ Deposits Account, 1908 —				Mortgage Bonds ...	5,100	0	0			
January 1st, Balance in hand ...	536	10	0	Treasury Bill ...	600	0	0			
Received and paid during year on balance ...	2	10	0					5,700	0	0
				„ Balance in Standard Bank ...				415	19	0
				„ Interest due 31st Dec., 1908 ...				75	12	0
„ Library Extension Fund (balance)	539	0	0	„ Balance of Petty Cash Account...				1	18	9
„ Willem Hiddingh Bequest (balance) ...	547	15	4							
„ Balance brought forward from last year ...	1,473	6	3							
„ Balance of Income and Expenditure	82	0	2							
	£6,193	9	9					£6,193	9	9

We have compared the above Statement with the Library Books and have found same to be correct. We have also examined the Securities and have found same in order.

HENRY BEARD,  
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Cape Town, 9th February, 1909.

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# REPORT

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The Rt. Hon. J. X. MERRIMAN, M.L.A.  
THOMAS MUIR, Esq., LL.D., F.R.S. (*Chairman*).

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MAITLAND H. PARK, Esq., LL.D.  
JANE E. WATERSTON, M.D.

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The Hon. Sir C. ABERCROMBIE SMITH, M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the University.  
F. W. SMITH, Esq., Mayor of Cape Town.

### LIBRARIAN:

A. C. G. LLOYD, B.A.

During the year ending 31st December, 1909, the Library has suffered a great loss by the death of the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, who had served on the Board of Trustees since 1888.

The Trustees advertised for a new Librarian in February last, and eventually selected Mr. A. C. G. Lloyd, formerly of the Cambridge University Library, who took over his duties in April.

During the year 1909 a room has been provided with shelving to accommodate all Blue Books and Government publications generally relating to South Africa. A further room at the west end of the Library has been furnished and placed at the disposal of students, of which full advantage has been taken.

The Trustees are glad to be able to report a substantial increase in the amount of subscriptions, the first increase for seven years. Although the Library revenue from all sources has diminished during the year by over £100, mainly owing to the reduction in the Parliamentary Grant, it has been found possible to increase the expenditure on books by £150 or 33 per cent. In addition to this a small balance has been accumulated which has been ear-marked for certain urgently needed services.

The Card Catalogue has been advanced by the completion of letters I, J and K. At the present moment L is in the printers' hands, and progress has been made with other letters, leaving letters N—Q. and T—Z, to be done. Concurrently with the main catalogue, a Card Subject Catalogue is being prepared. The Trustees would again call attention to the comparatively low percentage of fiction in the total circulation of books.

The Staff of the Library is called on to deal with a considerable correspondence from all parts of South Africa asking for information on the most diverse subjects. The influence of the Library is therefore not confined to Cape Town or Cape Colony.

The following comparative tables show the progress of the Library for the last three years :—

# CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

	1907.	1908.	1909.
Religion ... ..	2,330	2,287	2,409
Philosophy ... ..	786	928	788
Society ... ..	2,003	2,217	1,754
History and Travel ... ..	7,518	7,060	7,467
Science ... ..	2,044	2,258	3,160
Art ... ..	2,817	3,232	3,118
Literature and Philology ... ..	5,212	5,225	5,544
Fiction ... ..	21,975	21,189	21,954
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	1,170	1,423	1,075
Periodicals and Reviews ... ..	4,920	4,281	3,525
	50,775	50,100	50,794

These figures represent the books issued to all readers, but they take no account of the use made of the works of reference in the open shelves, the Magazines in the Reading Room, and the new books, to which all readers have access.

The following list contains the number of Subscribers, the Readers during the year, &c. :—

	1907.	1908.	1909.
Total number of Subscribers on December 31st ...	477	472	498
Number of full Annual Subscribers ...	346	342	343
Amount received from Subscriptions... ..	£545/9/10	£531/3/6	£570/19/11
Total number of Readers... ..	96,263	100,725	95,269
Daily Average ... ..	310	323	305

# ACCESSIONS BY PURCHASE AS WELL AS BY GIFT.

	1907.	1908.	1909.
Religion ... ..	53	31	57
Philosophy ... ..	9	15	29
Society ... ..	76	188	188
History and Travel ... ..	244	252	311
Science ... ..	84	113	171
Art ... ..	29	50	85
Literature and Philology... ..	125	151	170
Fiction ... ..	385	378	412
Year-books and Proceedings ... ..	80	73	67
	1,085	1,251	1,490

For valuable donations the Library is indebted to the Colonial Government, to the Governments of Natal, Rhodesia, the Transvaal, Canada, New Zealand, Tasmania, the Phillipine Islands and Victoria; the Republic of Uruguay; to the Royal Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Society of Canada and the University of Munich; the British Association for the Advancement of Science; to the Universities of the Cape of Good Hope, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Harvard; the Royal Colonial Institute, the New Zealand Institute, the Smithsonian Institution, the S.A. Science Association, The Royal Society of South Africa; the C. of G. H. Geological Commission, the Bureau of Science, Manila; Guy's Hospital; the British Museum, the S.A. Museum, and the Transvaal Museum; the Library of Congress and the Libraries of Rio de Janeiro, South Australia, Santiago (Chili), New York, Bulawayo, Port Elizabeth, Kimberley, Pretoria, Imperial Library, Calcutta and the Westminster Public Library; the Corporation of the City of Cape Town; the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, the British South Africa Co.; the S.A. Institute of Bankers; the Cape Government Railways and the Rhodesia Railways, Ltd.; the S.A. College, the Diocesan College, the Rhodes University College, and the Victoria College; the Tonic Sol-fa College; the Customs Statistical Bureau; the Union Defence League; the Bureau of Education, Washington; the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb; the Ladies Guild of Francis St. Alban; the Royal Observatory, C. of G. H.; the Natal Society; the Union Castle Steamship Co.; the S.A. Home-Reading Union and the Cape Town Branch of the Navy League; the Right Hon. J. X. Merriman; Dr. T. Muir, Dr. A. W. Rogers, Dr. W. H. Ross, E. F. Kilpin, C.M.G., the Rev. W. R. Thomson, the Mayor of Auckland, N. Z., Dr. R. Marloth, the late Rev. Canon T. Browning, E. C. Godée-Molsbergen, W. Hay, C. F. Silberbauer, Dr. L. Peringuey, J. M. Orpen, W. R. Burns, Miss Browning, W. T. Olive, Prof. A. Lodewyckx, A. R. Colquhoun, J. G. O. Tepper, W. J. Furnival, H. T. Strugnell, Mrs Solly, F. W. Pack, G. Iles, C. F. Juritz, C. P. Lounsbury, G. L. Raymond, H. N. Casson, C. Morgan, H. J. Evans, and T. Cook & Sons.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE** for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

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HENRY BEARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Cape Town, 17th February, 1910.

Audited and found correct.

GRANT, GRANT &amp; Co.

J. R. HARTSHORNE.

### STATEMENT OF BALANCES, 31st December, 1909.

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We have compared the above Statement with the Library Books, and have found same to be correct. We have also examined the Securities, and have found same in order.

HENRY BEARD,  
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Cape Town, 17th February, 1910.

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